

Statement by Germany

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Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population (agenda item 6)

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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

First of all, let me commend the staff of the Population Division for their outstanding work in the field of collecting, analyzing and projecting population data which is of utmost importance for the implementation of the Programme of Action of the ICPD.

For this year's assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action, twenty years after the Cairo conference, the Population Division has provided numerous reports and updated databases as well as other input which proved to be indispensable for the work of the commission. The Population Division also contributed to the Operational Review of the Programme of Action conducted by UNFPA.

Moreover, the Secretary General's report on world population trends demonstrates beyond any doubt that the close nexus between population dynamics and development has lost none of its significance over the past twenty years. As the demographic trends today are more diverse than ever, up to date and accurate population data and projections have never been more important.

We would like to congratulate the Population Division on the great methodological progress made in recent years in improving the quality of the data provided to the international community. We also appreciate the efforts made towards a timely and user friendly dissemination of these data via the population division's website as well as many other databases and web portals that use of these data for their work.

In conclusion, let me encourage the Population Division to proceed with their excellent work and service to the international community.

Thank you for your attention.