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Integrating Population Issues into Sustainable Development including in  
the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

Madam Chairperson,

Allow me to begin by conveying my sincerest congratulations to you and other members of the Bureau upon your election. My delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China.

Madam Chairperson,

The International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994 recognized that poverty eradication and sustainable development are interrelated to high rates of population growth.

In the past two decades, or more, governments and stakeholders have steadfastly advocated population and development policies and programs, on the basis of equality as well as the improvement of welfare and well-being of all. Progress is tangible. Yet, shaking off the spectre of poverty remains very challenging. The Millennium Development Goals has been instrumental in getting the world to the halfway point on poverty. Yet, there is still more work to be done beyond 2015. Much of the action that needs to be done has links to population matters.

We should build on the important lessons learned, such as the misalignment between resources and funding with priorities and programmes on the ground. At the same time, we also need to anticipate responses for new challenges emerging across the globe.

Indeed, we must continue the positive progress and address these gaps at the same time. In doing so, honest and equal cooperation among governments and other stakeholders are of importance. Yet again, it must be reemphasized that a strong sense of country ownership lends to the legitimacy of any future ICPD Plan of Action. The economic, social and environmental diversity of conditions in each country should factor prominently. There needs to be full respect for the various religious and ethical values, cultural background and philosophical convictions of every nation and its people.

Madam Chairperson,

Twentyplus years since its adoption, the ICPD PoA is still relevant for Indonesia. The current national policies namely "Nawa Cita" Principles are in line with ICPD PoA by integrating population issues into sustainable development. In the medium term national development plan 2015-2019, population management and family planning has been identified as one of 4 key strategies to improve the quality of life of all Indonesian citizens.

The population and family planning strategy is implemented through, among others: (i) improving the availability, access and service for family planning and

strengthening human and monetary resources up to the community level to support efforts for family planning; (ii) increasing advocacy on population and family planning to policy makers, community and other stakeholders and (iii) enhancing the awareness and knowledge of adolescents and youth regarding reproductive health through dissemination of the importance of 12 years education program to delay marriage, Planned Generation program and family planning services for young couples to delayed pregnancies.

This strategy is linked with other key strategies and programmes, such as those dedicated to realize gender equality, women empowerment and child protection; to further develop education; to enhance health access and service; to ensure safe migration and the protection of Indonesia migrant workers abroad; to empower adolescents and youth; to provide better protection and accessibilities to elderly and persons with disabilities as well as to ensure the sustainability of environment.

Madam Chairperson,

As we are already mainstreaming population issues in our national development plan, it is also important for us that in the deliberation of a post-2015 development agenda population issues would also be taken into account.

The post-2015 agenda must carefully and systematically balance the interrelationships between culture, ongoing demographic and population dynamics, sustained economic growth and sustainable environment and provides a comprehensive set of objectives and actions to promote social justice, eradicate poverty and protect the environment.

With regard to the deliberation of a new global development agenda, Indonesia is of the view that there is a need to take into account on the following:

- **First, *sustainable growth with equity*.** The future development agenda should be inclusive and bring benefit to all, including *inter alia*, women, youth, children, elderly, persons with disabilities and migrants.
- **Second, *increased mobility and migration*.** Globalization has broken barriers among countries and thus it is imperative to promote the rights of migrant workers and Members of their family, ensure safe migration and enhance migrant's contribution to and benefits from development.
- **Third, *means of implementation*.** Improving means of implementation is essential, such as: mobilizing adequate resources to fully implement the ICPD PoA, whilst ensuring a better alignment and allocation of resources with the needs and priorities established by each country, developing a reliable, robust, accessible and timely population data; improving monitoring and evaluation system as well as enhanced capacity building and technology development and transfer to support the efforts in strengthening

national institutions as well as implementation of the relevant policies at the national level.

- **Fourth**, *creating an enabling environment*. Peaceful societies, good governance, environmental sustainability and addressing inequity within and among countries are several of many important factors that will further support the realization of any new development agenda.

Madam Chairperson,

In conclusion, I believe that all of us here have the commitment and resolve needed not only to address the unfinished work of ICPD, but also to ensure that the principles and objectives contained therein be fully integrated into the post-2015 development agenda.

Indonesians are ready to renew and reaffirm our political support for the ICPD Programme of Action beyond 2015; and to contribute constructively in the negotiation process this week that would provide an essential contribution for the advancement of the lives of individuals as enshrined in ICPD PoA and other global and regional development and human rights frameworks, particularly in supporting the post-2015 development agenda.

We call upon all stakeholders for a stronger commitment, enhanced implementation strategy and better collaboration among countries in this regard.

And finally, allow me to close by reiterating Indonesia's commitment towards this noble cause and to convey my delegation's fervent hope that all delegations will work together in a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation to allow the Commission to produce successful outcome documents this year.

I thank you.