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Secretariat in the field of population

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Mr. Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the German delegation, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Population Division for its commendable work. The division's two reports on "*World demographic trends*" and "*Programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population 2017*" are major contributions to understanding the nexus between population and development. The reports highlight the division's impressive work in collecting, projecting and analyzing population data.

We are convinced this year's CPD session on "Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration" will make an important contribution to the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals. The significance of population and development has increased constantly over the last two decades, and the international community must rethink organizational structures and working methods on the international level to keep pace. We appreciate in this regard the most recent initiatives of the Population Division and UNFPA in cooperating intensively with the academic community. These developments have greatly increased the accessibility, usage and visibility of its data. The Population Division's role in producing but also analyzing and interpreting population data makes it an indispensable partner for the international community providing highly demanded population expertise.

Data collection is never an end in itself, and Germany believes strongly in having accurate, timely and comprehensive data for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Improvements in censuses and household surveys are of paramount interest for evidence-based policymaking on sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration. Next to these official data sources, Germany recently increased its support for making methodological progress on population research as well as expanding necessary research infrastructures for analyzing the links between internal and international migration, human mobility and urbanization in the national context. We are committed to working together with the UN Population Division, UNFPA, Member States and interested partners to promote and advance the collection and use of demographic data for evidence-based policy-making.

Let me conclude by renewing our support to the Commission for Population and Development. It is our firm belief that the commission has a central role in exchanging state-of-the-art knowledge and in enhancing our understanding of the close relationship between population dynamics, social development, human rights and the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainability. Germany remains fully committed to implementing the ICPD Programme of Action and the outcomes of its reviews. We are committed to playing an active role in the regional review process preceding the 52th Session of the Commission for Population and Development in 2019. And we encourage the Population Division and UNFPA to continue their work providing state-of-the-art analysis and vital support for the Commission.

Thank you for your attention.