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**United States Statement on Agenda Item 4
Programme implementation and progress of work
in the field of population in 2017**

Mr. Chairman, I would like to express the appreciation of our delegation for the report of the Secretary-General on *Programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2017: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs*.

Our delegation commends the staff of the Population Division for their continued excellent work relating to the analysis of demographic trends, monitoring the implementation of the ICPD Program of Action, preparing population projections, and making information about their work readily accessible to the community of nations.

In the context of the theme of this meeting of the Commission, I would like to highlight some key accomplishments of the Population Division during the past year.

In particular, we would like to commend the Population Division for its longstanding expansion and maintenance of the *United Nations Global Migration Database*. In addition, the Division released *International Migrant Stock: The 2017 Revision* along with the *International Migration Report 2017* and *International Migration Report 2017 – Highlights*. These products provide updated data and analyses of the levels and trends in the international migration stock. Another valuable product assembled by Population Division in 2017 is the web-based *Compendium of agreed language on migration*.

Another major accomplishment was the July 2017 release of *World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision*, containing population estimates and projections for countries worldwide. These results are readily available on the

Population Division website, which includes data files, an interactive database, and other valuable figures and maps.

In the area of health and mortality, the Population Division continues to provide the international community with data sets and analyses from such sources as *World Mortality Report 2017* and *Mortality Data Inventory 2017*. The Division also made major contributions to our collective understanding of world health and mortality trends through its participation in the UN Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (IGME) and contributions to the Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-Agency Group. The *Mortality Data Inventory 2017* is a very useful collection of available primary data on adult and child mortality by country.

The Population Division is to be commended for their continued work in the important area of ageing populations through their publication of *World Population Ageing 2017* and accompanying *Highlights* publication.

The work of the Population Division in the aforementioned areas helps the global community document the interrelationships, challenges, and progress made toward integrating population issues into the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies and programs aimed at sustainable development, which is at the core of these meetings. The Division's continuing expansion of its website makes population information increasingly accessible to the global community.

This delegation recognizes and thanks the Population Division for its leadership role in technical cooperation, including the organization and conduct of expert meetings and workshops in collaboration with many organizations around the world. The U.S. Census Bureau was pleased to participate along with the Population Division in the Census Maternal Mortality working group. We are grateful to the Division for posting on their website the revised Census Pregnancy-related Mortality workbook that the U.S. Census Bureau produced in collaboration with the working group.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, we would like to express appreciation to the Population Division for its outstanding work in anticipation of this session

of the Commission, including in identifying the Keynote speakers, whose presentations greatly benefit our deliberations. This session's speakers provided a unique perspective and enhance our understanding of the issues under consideration.

Thank you.