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Closing Statement by Mrs. Miryan Vieira,
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to the United Nations on the Occasion of the Fifth-First Session of the
Commission on Population and Development

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and to thank you and the other members of the Bureau for hard work and manner you have conducted the work of this Commission.

Mr. Chair,

We deem crucial the theme for this session “Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration”, thus having a bold outcome on it, would certainly reveal important to my country, a SIDS, which does prioritizes in its national strategies the topics related to it.

The government of Cabo Verde is fully committed to implement the Programme of Action of the ICPD as well as the Beijing Platform for Action, as we do value people-centered approaches in the development context, in particularly when it comes to human mobility.

It is our view that the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction, and the empowerment of those living in vulnerable and marginalized situations are of paramount importance.

We further understand that family planning, access to accurate information, access to health care services, including Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights are important.

Unfortunately we couldn't have reached a consensual outcome that recognizes the challenges face by cities, in which was proposed the mention the provision of universal access to basic services, including education, health, food security, housing, water and sanitation and decent jobs, as well the need to address climate change, as a way to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Finally, Mr. Chair, Cabo Verde recognizes the importance of the work done by UNFPA in helping developing countries, like mine, in addressing the challenges on population dynamics and in achieving development goals.

I thank you for your kind attention.