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**Remarks by the Korean delegate at the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of CPD**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Since this is the **first** time for my delegation to take the floor, I would like to congratulate you on your election as chairman of this meeting. My delegation also would like to express its appreciation to the Secretariat for its excellent reports under these agenda item we are now discussing.

Mr. C h a i r m a n ,

My delegation must commend the works done by the Population Division during 1998. We believe it covers a wide range of population issues in comprehensive and analytical manner. By doing so, we are better equipped with general trends of world population, various informations on national population policies and emerging issues to be immediately tackled.

A series of research reports regarding pertinent issues such as mortality, fertility and international migration would give us correct pictures on population trends as well as provide good database to be refereed. In particular it is very encouraging to see remarkable improvement in data coverage and methodologies in carrying out such researches.

My delegation also welcomes the Population Division has paid special attention to emerging issues such as HIV/AIDS by holding a technical meeting. We hope such an initiative to be further promoted in order to enhance awareness and understanding of concerned issues as well as to set the stage for concerted efforts to deal with them at the global level,

Regarding population policy and socio-economic development, the Division has successfully advancing its works in this area by putting forward some policy guidance based on analyzing various population policies at the global level. In particular, we welcome the publication of world abortion policies, 1999. The report will give opportunity for each government to review their abortion policy. It might be useful if such policy review could be expanded into identifying the linkages between the rate of unsafe abortion and applied policy. In this context, we expect further efforts to turn factual finding research into more policy-oriented researches will be undertaken in the future work of the Population Division.

My delegation strongly supports for the Population Division to participate in activities aimed at coordinated and system-wide implementation of commitments adopted by current global conferences. Population issues are closely linked with environment, urban, social and women issues. A broader approach to address cross linkages with other global conferences should be more systematically improved. Thus, the population division ~~should design the proper ways~~ to strengthen input from the perspective of ~~population into~~ the review process of other global conferences.

*I continue to make its efforts*

*my delegation would like to urge that*

Work programs for the next five years in CPD ~~should~~ address areas where progress has been less encouraging since Cairo. In UNGASS of coming June, we will have opportunity to review our achievements and shortcomings in implementing the Cairo Action Program. My delegation hopes that work of CPD in next five years and specific programs and activities of the Population division will be formulated in a way to fully reflect the outcome of UNGASS.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.