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Programme implementation and progress of work
in the field of population in 2018**

Mr. Chairman, my delegation would like to express appreciation to the staff of the Population Division for its continued work relating to the analysis of demographic trends, monitoring the implementation of the ICPD Program of Action, preparing population estimates and projections, and making information about their work readily accessible to the community of nations.

The Population Division continues to play a valuable role as a source of policy-neutral population expertise – producing analytical reports, compendia of data and policies, and other products that are widely used by technical experts in the governments of member states, multilateral organizations, academia, and the general public. In the context of the theme of this meeting of the Commission, I would like to highlight some accomplishments of the Population Division during the past year:

In the area of population ageing, the Population Division shows strong leadership and innovation. In 2018 the Population Division drafted a technical paper on new measures of population ageing and co-organized an international expert group meeting on the topic. We note the Population Division is supporting the development and launch of the new Multiple Indicator Survey on Ageing.

The Population Division had several major accomplishments related to population spatial distribution, including the release of the *2018 Revision of World Urbanization Prospects* along with an initial release of an interactive database that displays the geographic coordinates of city boundaries based on various definitions and the associated population size. This new tool should prove useful to governments, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and others.

The work of the Population Division 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.

My delegation recognizes 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.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, we would like to express appreciation to the Population Division for its work in preparation of this session of the Commission, including in identifying the speakers whose presentations benefitted our deliberations.

Thank you.