

## **Observations by Cuba on the “Future role and organization of the Commission on Population and Development”.**

- To maintain the annual sessions of the CPD given its importance and significance.
- To find new mechanisms to modernize and energize the work of the Commission, on the understanding that it is the only intergovernmental forum focused on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development and its implementation from 2014.
- To maintain the role of the CPD as a Forum for the follow-up of Agenda 2030, without considering duplication of efforts, because the Commission is much more progressive and comprehensive in the issues within its competence.
- To understand CPD as a key element in addressing the problems of Population and Development generated or exacerbated by the global crisis caused by the health and epidemiological situation that has led to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- To value that the election of the Presidency and the Board of Directors of the CPD is carried out in a biannual way in order to achieve a better follow-up of the projects and programmes. At the same time, support the proposal to establish a 4-year cycle for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action.
- To propose the reorganization of the Commission's schedule so that the meetings of the CDP and the Commission on Women (CSW) are not so close. Experience from previous years has shown that many of the controversial issues that cannot be agreed upon at the CSW are attempted to be solved at the CDP.
- We have no objection to the proposal to introduce "emerging issues" alongside the annual theme of the Commission. Subsequently, attention should be given to the selection of such topics.
- To propose that at the end of each session a report be published, specifying the most important elements discussed and the positions of the member countries, which is an alternative to the practice of recent years in which it has not been possible to achieve consensus or a final document. This would be a factual option to ensure a necessary final outcome.

- To strengthen the role of the regional dimension in CPD, with the enhancement of ECLAC's participation.
- To promote the creation of panels of experts to discuss issues of common interest that do not contradict the objectives of the Commission.
- To ensure that the participation of civil society is carried out under relevant established rules and practices, as is the case of other ECOSOC Fora such as the CSW. We reiterate that the main role in discussions and decision-making lies with the Member States, while recognizing the contributing role of civil society on the issues within the Commission's competence.