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Address for Agenda Item 6

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Dear Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen:

Good morning!

I am glad to see that the UN Commission on Population and Development has achieved fruitful results in 2015 by not only updating the world population estimates and projections, but also giving an early warning on the potential crisis in the future, namely by 2030, most of the increased population will be concentrated in those countries falling far behind in terms of poverty and hunger reduction, universal access to healthcare, education and equality. This reminds all participating member states, international organizations and NGOs to respect the different realities, development levels and development stages of respective countries while setting up the sustainable development goals, focus on core agenda items, develop the awareness of common interests, and continuously strengthen exchanges & cooperation.

China highly appreciates the technical guidance, output sharing and information exchanges offered by UN Commission on Population and Development. During the past five years, China and UN Commission on Population and Development have carried out positive and fruitful cooperation on the collection, use and development of demographic data. China attaches good importance to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and has been an active member of the Partners in Population and Development (PPD) under the framework of South-South Cooperation.

To better promote the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, China suggests UN Commission on Population and Development to further strengthen the technical support for and the capacity building of respective member states.

- 1. To aid developing countries in building the capacity for and sharing experience on data collection/analysis and population projection;
- 2. To strengthen the technical guidance for developing countries in such fields as MCH, adolescent health, healthy aging and population migration;
- 3. To promote international exchanges on the monitoring and evaluation of population and development data;

Thank you, Mr. Chairman!