

Madam Chair,

Your excellencies,

Dear colleagues,

First of all, let me express our gratitude to the work of the Bureau of the Commission, which have shown high professionalism and personal devotion to facilitating the negotiations on the resolution. I would also like to thank all the delegation that have been doing their best to maintain the constructive spirit of those negotiations.

We fully share the root idea that stood initially behind the spirit of this resolution, that quality, accessible, timely and reliable disaggregated data will be needed to help with the measurement of progress of Agenda-2030 to the maximum extent possible. As well as that measures should be undertaken to strengthen statistical capacities in developing countries to fortify the demographic evidence base for achieving the SDGs.

If I may, I would remind you of the weight of responsibility on our shoulders. The Commission, consisting of 47 states decides on population matters for the whole UN community. And we should always bear that in mind while formulating the decisions of the CPD.

In this context we call again to undeviatingly follow the provisions of the ICPD. We would like to remind the delegates of the GA resolution 65/234, which that there will be no renegotiation of the existing agreements contained in the Program of Action.

Although my delegation has joined the consensus, we still would like to express our deepest concerns about very disturbing trends that we have witnessed during the work of the Commission.

We were very surprised that some countries, while forcing their own agenda into the formulation of the resolution and continuously introducing terms with vague and arbitrary interpretation, underlying meanings, that can be expounded to their benefit, remain blind and deaf to the call of *other* countries to stick to internationally agreed formulations, to keep the decisions of the Commission neutral, straightforward, understandable and universally applicable as the international decisions should be. And thus they undermine the very spirit of solidarity between the countries of the Commission.

Thank you.