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**United States Statement on Agenda Item 6
Programme implementation and progress of work
in the field of population in 2015**

Madame Chairperson, I would like to express the appreciation of our delegation for the report of the Secretary-General on *Programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2015: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs*.

Our delegation commends the staff of the Population Division for its continued excellent work relating to the analysis of population trends, monitoring the implementation of the ICPD Program of Action, preparing population projections, and making information about its work available to the community of nations.

The Population Division continues to play an essential 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. These products represent definitive international references on a wide range of population-related topics.

Madame Chairperson, in our view, the Population Division has done an outstanding job of meeting the objectives of strengthening the international community's capacity to effectively address current and emerging population issues and integrating the population dimensions into the development agenda at the national and international levels.

In the context of the theme of this meeting of the Commission, I would like to highlight some key accomplishments of the Population Division during the past year.

In particular, we would like to commend the Population Division for its core efforts at estimating and projecting the populations of countries throughout the world. In July 2015, the Division released *World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision*. This report anticipates many important global and regional demographic trends under differing sets of assumptions. These results are readily available on the Population Division website, which includes data files, an interactive database, and other valuable figures and maps. The Division also issued a detailed analysis of the results of the 2014 revision of *World Urbanization Prospects* providing valuable insights into current and future urban agglomerations throughout the world.

The U.S. Census Bureau was very pleased to collaborate with the Population Division in expanding the database of estimates and projections of family planning indicators to include all women, not limited by marital status. We commend the Division for the wealth of data it has made available through *World Contraceptive Use 2015, Model-based Estimates and Projections of Family Planning Indicators 2015, World Fertility Data 2015, and World Marriage Data 2015* and for the accompanying analyses presented in such publications as *Trends in Contraceptive Use Worldwide 2015*, and *World Fertility Patterns*.

In the area of health and mortality, the Population Division continues to provide the international community with data sets and analyses from such sources as *World Mortality Report 2015* and *Mortality Data Inventory 2015*. The Division has also made major contributions to our collective understanding of world health and mortality trends through its participation in the UN Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (IGME) and contributions to the Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-Agency Group.

The Population Division continues to provide the international community with data sets and analyses on international migration from such sources as the 2015 revisions of *Trends in International Migrant Stock* and *International Migration Flows to and from Selected Countries* as well as its ongoing building of the Global Migration Database.

The Population Division is to be commended for its work in the increasingly important area of ageing populations through its publication of *World Population Ageing 2015* and accompanying *Highlights* publication.

The work of the Population Division in the aforementioned areas 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, a core theme of these meetings. The Division's continuing expansion of its website makes population information increasingly accessible to the global community.

This delegation recognizes and thanks 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. The U.S. Census Bureau was pleased to participate along with the Population Division in the regional workshop on estimating maternal mortality from census data in Bangkok, in the UN Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation, and in the Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-Agency Group.

Finally, Madame Chairperson, we would like to express appreciation to the Population Division for its outstanding work in anticipation of this session of the Commission, including in identifying the Keynote speakers, whose presentations greatly benefit our deliberations. This session's speakers provided a unique perspective and enhance our understanding of the issues under consideration.

Thank you.