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Madam Chairperson,

1. On behalf of the Indonesian delegations, let me first of all thank the Secretary-General for the report on the world demographic trends which clearly shows the continuous population growth in developing countries. The report also shows substantial differences in population growth between countries and between regions. According to its projections, there are five countries major contributor to the increasing number of world population till 2050 were stated among others are India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Brazil and Nigeria. Therefore, failure to control population growth in these countries will greatly affect the world population as a whole.
2. Indonesia's Population programs play strategic role not only in managing the quantity and improving quality of our human resources, but they take into account *its* impact to the world's population. The Government of Indonesia is committed to implementing an effective population program that emphasizes family planning. However, our changing strategic environment, particularly as it relates to decentralization process has impinged our effort to implements the program in local/grass root level. Hence, it is imperative to have global partnership and support for the family planning program in many developing countries. Indonesia would welcome such cooperation and support.
3. In light of this, it is most unfortunate that in the last few years the level of international commitment has softened considerably because of dwindling political will, made evident by the rapid decline of funding for family planning programs. Global funding for family planning programs has dropped from 55% to just 5% of total funding for population program. Underlining the implication of this for social and economic development, Indonesia urges the international community to strengthen its commitment for family planning programs which aim to effect sustainable, positive population development.
4. With this in mind, the Indonesian delegations calls upon the Commission on Population and Development to formulate strategies and policies that will mobilize the desired support and be implemented on the basis of strategic partnership values, resting on the foundational principle of common but differentiated responsibility.
5. In addition, Indonesia encourages the expansion of the role and initiatives of the United Nations in dealing with the funding challenges posed by population growth. The UN should focus on the utilization of innovative development schemes, among others in the form of debt-swap, particularly targeted to reproductive health programme including the family planning, as part of Official Development Assistance.
6. In this respect, it is imperative for the formulation of a mechanism for the distribution and utilization of ODA funds to occur simultaneously with demand-driven capacity building of the recipient country as part of the process to attain aid effectiveness and donor harmonization in ways that respond to the needs of poor people in the recipient countries.

Thank you.