

Mr. Chair,

My delegation would like to take the floor to explain its position with regard to certain elements contained in the Resolution that has just been adopted by this Commission.

Malta is not a Member of this Commission, however as a Member of the United Nations, it has participated in the discussions and negotiations on the draft Resolution. Our motivations were guided primarily by the fact that the Health, morbidity, mortality and development are pertinent to all UN Member States not only to the Members of this Commission.

In this context, Malta is committed to the overall goal of the Resolution. However, consistent with its national legislation, Malta would like to register its reservation on the use of terms including reproductive rights and their connotations, contained in the just adopted Resolution.

As stated in the Plenary last Wednesday Malta continues to reaffirm its interpretation that any positions taken or recommendations with regards to sexual and reproductive health, rights, services and commodities are to be taken in the context of the ICPD and the reservations made in that and subsequent International Conferences.

I would request that this statement and our reservations are duly reflected in the official report of the Commission to be submitted to the ECOSOC and in the official records of this meeting. I would also request for it to be posted on the official website of the 43rd session of the Commission, under the relevant agenda item.

Thank You,