

Explanation of Position of the Republic of Poland on the adoption of the resolution of the 44th session of the CPD: *Fertility, reproductive health and development*

Mister Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Republic of Poland I would like to thank you, Mr. Chair, the Bureau, the Population Division, and other members of the Secretariat of the United Nations engaged in the organization and servicing of the session of the Commission on Population and Development that today comes to an end.

I would like to underline the importance attached by Poland to the issues discussed during this year's session. Poland remains committed to the effective implementation of the ICPD Program of Action. Poland commends and expresses its strong support for the activities of the UN system. We are ready to actively participate in discussions and actions leading to the attainment of the ICPD goals.

Having said that, I would like to refer to one of the outcomes of this session, namely, the text of the resolution on *Fertility, reproductive health and development* adopted today. Having in mind the statement pronounced on behalf of Poland four days ago (on Monday 11, 2011) by Under Secretary of State in the Ministry of Health, Mr. Adam Fronczak, I would like to underscore once again that in the understanding of Poland any references made in the text of the resolution to, *inter alia*, sexual and reproductive health services, sexual and reproductive health-care service needs, universal reproductive health-care services and reproductive rights do not constitute an encouragement to the promotion of abortion on request.

I would like this statement to be duly reflected in the official report of the Commission to be submitted to the ECOSOC, and in the official records of this meeting. If possible, I would request its circulation as a document of the 44th session. I would also ask for it to be posted on the official website of the 44th session of the Commission, under the relevant agenda item. The Permanent Mission of Poland to the United Nations in New York will provide you, Mr. Chairman, and the Secretariat, including the Population

Division, with the copies of this statement to facilitate the fulfillment of our requests.

Thank you for your attention.