

**Statement of the European Union  
after the adoption of the resolution on  
“New trends in migration: demographic aspects”**

**46th session of the Commission on Population and Development  
of the United Nations Economic and Social Council**

**New York, 26 April 2013**

**EXPLANATION OF POSITION ON THE 46<sup>th</sup> COMMISSION ON  
POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Mr Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member states on the resolution of the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Population and Development; new trends in migration: demographic aspects.

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to our colleague from the Philippines, Ambassador Eduardo Jose Atienza De Vega and to our Chair, Ambassador Vladimir Lupan from Moldova, who have personally spent a great deal of efforts to facilitate the discussions of this resolution, and for their work in conducting the process of consultations in a very open and transparent manner.

At the outset we would like to reiterate our strong support for and commitment to the full implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994. Chapter X of the Cairo Programme of Action remains one of the most comprehensive internationally agreed texts on international migration to date. This year's theme is all the more important in view of the preparations for the HLD on International Migration and Development.

The EU and its Member States are fully committed to mainstreaming human rights into all phases and aspects of migration policy. The EU stands at the forefront when it comes to the effective implementation and enforcement of human rights, including the human rights of migrants. Migration status determines the extent to which migrants have access to health, education, work and social services. However, we would like to emphasize that all migrants have access to basic health and education, regardless of their migration status.

The EU and its Member States acknowledge the important contribution of migrants to development and will continue to stay actively engaged in debates on this topic.

Thank you