

STRENGTHENING THE DEMOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE BASE FOR THE POST-2015
AGENDA, WITH A FOCUS ON MIGRATION; AND FUTURE ORGANIZATION AND
METHODS OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND
DEVELOPMENT

ORAL STATEMENT

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The NGO Committee on Migration welcomes this opportunity for input on strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda and on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission. Our recommendations include the following:

- On global Sustainable Development Goal indicators, we hope that a satisfactory agreement can be reached, particularly on the international migration policy index for Target 10.7. Safe and orderly migration, especially for the most vulnerable groups such as women and children, is a high priority issue for Civil Society. **In our view, the whole notion of indicator indices needs further discussion, as does the effect of limiting to one or two indicators the measurement of most targets.** We also urge data disaggregation across the full range of social and economic groups set out in the 2030 agenda, in accordance with the principle of No One Left Behind.
- Concurrently with a focus on global indicators, NGOs are formulating national indicators. We hope to engage in effective partnerships with States to ensure that the international Goals and Targets, especially those which are migration related, are integrated into national policy planning. In this context, **we call on the international community to launch a global initiative to improve the production, analysis, and use of policy relevant migration information** by strengthening population censuses, administrative information, and household surveys.
- Our recommendations are intended as a contribution to a more effective review of the 2030 Agenda by the High Level Political Forum, yearly by the Economic and Social Council, and every four years by the General Assembly. **The annual sessions of the Commission on Population and Development would, in our view, afford a good opportunity for substantive exchanges between all stakeholders about the status of implementation of the 2030 Agenda.**

- Regarding themes and outcomes of the Commission sessions, especially given the desperate global migration crises, **we strongly recommend that there be more emphasis by the Commission on Population and Development on migration related issues** instead of the more traditional focus of the Commission on other types of population issues.
- With respect to effective participation of Civil Society in the sessions of the Commission on Population and Development, it has always been our view that successful outcomes require the participation of all relevant stakeholders, allowing multi-stakeholder interactive discussions and exchanges. **We think that the engagement structure of the High Level Political Forum provides an excellent model for the future participation of civil society in the Commission on Population and Development.**

Thank you.