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## **Explanation of position**

### **Adoption of the resolution titled**

### **Population, food security, nutrition and sustainable development**

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Mr. Chairperson,

Allow me at the outset to express our appreciation to the efforts of the Co-facilitators in conducting the negotiations to reach a consensual outcome document at the 54<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission of the Population and Development. This outcome was achieved due to the flexibility and constructive engagement of all the delegations participating in the negotiations.

Egypt pays great importance to the work of the Commission of Population and Development, and is firmly committed to the full implementation of the Program of Action of the ICPD in parallel to achieving the sustainable development goals, and as such has exemplified flexibility and compromise in order to achieve an agreed upon outcome, which while not ideal, maintains the importance and relevance of the work of the Commission and its consensual approach in the handling of matters of shared concern.

Egypt expresses particular concern with the language pertaining to OP13, and highlights the clear understanding that the universal access to reproductive rights remains directly connected in its scope and definition to the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

We reaffirm that the definition of "reproductive rights" lies within the framework included in the plan of action of the International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo in 1994, and our reference point for work regarding sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights will remain the recognized language in the ICPD Program of Action, and the 2030 Agenda. In this regard, Egypt does not consider OP13 language as a reference or an agreed language.

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Furthermore, Egypt underscores the overarching reach of OP2 in reaffirming the sovereign right of each country to implement the recommendations of the Program of Action or other proposals in this resolution consistent with national laws and development priorities.

We kindly request that this statement to be included as a part of the records of the 54<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission of Population and Development.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson

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