

Statement on Behalf of the Delegation of Iraq in Explanation of
Position on the Resolution (E/CN.9/2021/L.5.) entitled (Population,
food security, nutrition, and sustainable development)
Of Fifty-fourth session

Commission on Population and Development

Mr. Chair...

My delegation would like to thank you Mr. chair for successfully leading this session and would like to express its appreciation to the co-facilitators (Lebanon and Romania) of the negotiation process of the resolution on special theme of Fifty-fourth session Of Commission on Population and Development, for their efforts in this process. And likewise, my delegation would like to express its thanks to the Bureau and secretariat of the commission for their invaluable assistance and coordination.

Mr. Chair,

The impact of Covid-19 pandemic exacerbates pre- existing challenges and demand extra efforts to building back better, to implement the 2030 Agenda, by reaching all its goals and targets, including eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions by 2030, ending hunger and achieving food security and improved nutrition for all.

It was with the collective efforts we managed to have our document that aims at recognizing, inter alia, the right of everyone to have access to safe and nutritious food, consistent with the right to adequate food and the fundamental right of everyone to be free from hunger while delivering to the Decade of Action and delivery for sustainable development. To this end, Iraq attaches special importance to the current session of CPD and its special theme, which is being held during unprecedented circumstances.

While the document contains many positive elements and represent a demonstration of the endeavor to achieve sustainable development, the document also contains certain terms and references that Iraq wishes to explain it in accordance with its national laws and policies. In pp.22, and op.13 Iraq views the references to (sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights/ SRHRR) in this document in accordance with International Conference on Population and Development ICPD.

My delegation also would like to underline that the outcome of regional review conferences mentioned in op.3, should be implemented in a way that fully respects the ICPD action plan, and cannot replace or modify the normative framework agreed by General Assembly.

To conclude, my delegations wished to reiterate its thanks to the co-facilitators.

- My delegation would like to request this statement be reflected in the records of this meeting

I, thank you