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**STATEMENT**

**by H.E. Mrs. Aksoltan Ataeva, Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to  
the United Nations at the Commission on Population and Development,  
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*Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I was privileged to lead the delegation of Turkmenistan at the first International Conference on Population and Development, which was held in Cairo, Egypt.

The Government of Turkmenistan was delighted to attend the Nairobi Summit in November 2019 as part of the 25th Anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development and announced a number of commitments at various levels - financial, policy, legislative, structural. These commitments intended to further advance the promises made in Cairo and advance progress towards the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Government has already made significant progress in fulfilling the commitments made during the Summit and these can be summarized as follows:

In the area of gender equality and women's empowerment, Turkmenistan has officially endorsed its National Action Plan on Gender Equality for 2021-2025 which includes a clear Plan of Action and monitoring framework and is currently in its implementation phase.

In order to harness its demographic dividend, the Government is implementing a series of measures aimed at investing in young people's education, employment opportunities and health including reproductive health and has recently approved a new State Programme on Youth with concrete actions to be implemented over the coming years.

In the area of universal access to reproductive health, Turkmenistan has taken the financial ownership of providing contraceptives for up to 80% of its most vulnerable population by 2025 and is integrating a total market approach in the country.

Last but not least, in the area of data for evidence-based policy making: preparation for the 2022 housing and population census are underway, while the first ever survey on domestic violence was completed and the report is being finalized.

The Nairobi Summit on ICPD, reiterated the importance of rights and choices for all, re-energized the reproductive health and rights, as critical for achieving sustainable

development and the Government of Turkmenistan continues to put necessary efforts to accelerate these promises to transform the lives of people – women and men, young people, including the most vulnerable populations.

I thank you for your kind attention.