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The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Commission of Population and Development and has the honor to refer to the letter of the Chair of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development dated 24 December 2020 which invited Member States to respond to three questions regarding the future role and organization of the Commission on Population and Development.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations has the further honor to enclose herewith the input of the state of Qatar with regards to the afore-mentioned request.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Commission of Population and Development the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Future role and organization of the Commission on Population and Development

- 1. Given that the Commission is the only intergovernmental forum focused on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in the United Nations, how can we improve its work to better assist Member States and the international community at large in advancing the ICPD agenda while contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?*

In the Declaration on the Commemoration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the United Nations, Member States committed to upgrade the United Nations, including its working methods and commitment to revitalize the General Assembly and strengthen the Economic and Social Council. We are therefore presented with a key opportunity to look at the efficiency of ECOSOC's Commissions as well.

CPD's should increase in coordination role: CPD is a unique body that could bring together key Member States, multilateral institutions, business leaders and civil society representatives. It should serve as a bridge between the public and private sector; ICT and development communities aiming at SDG implementation and building back better.

Second, we have an opportunity to review CPD's agenda setting and work towards an agenda that is more interactive. It is important to provide the space – through virtual platforms – for continuous Member States involvement, sharing of best practices, and interactive discussion. Through virtual platforms, conversations with Member States, civil society, academia, community organizations, private sector and practitioners should be developed on issues of importance to CDP, the successes it has achieved and the challenges ahead.

Third, it is important that CPD– along the lines of the HLPF – reviews on an annual basis the implementation of two or three SDGs which have a direct impact on the CPD agenda. It would underscore the critical role of population-related measures and policies in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Long before the SDGs were adopted, the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), 20-year Programme of Action set ambitious goals for the empowerment of individuals to exercise their rights to access to health care services, (as addressed in SDG 3), education (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), decent work (SDG 8), social protection (SDG 1) and equality and social inclusion (SDG 10). It set a vision for everyone to grow, learn, work and live in an environment free of violence and discrimination, enabling every individual to realize their potential across the life course and for no one to be left behind.

Furthermore, it is extremely important that the themes chosen by the Commission annually are more oriented towards achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda and building back better.