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EXPLANATION OF POSITION BY

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**ON THE POLITICAL DECLARATION ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM OF ACTION**

**DURING THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE 57TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON
POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

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Mme Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

My delegation deeply thanks you, Mme Chair and Bureau Members. We appreciate the contributions you and the co facilitator made for the adoption of this political declaration, which we will support later.

Mme Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

This declaration comes at a momentous time for the commission: this being the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development Program of Action.

Today, more than ever before, we live in a world where it is practically impossible to go it alone. We must demonstrate our determination to rise above national views and put forward the need to move forward towards internationally agreed goals, first and foremost.

While placing a bold emphasis on commitments, we must also recognize that developing countries are in a difficult period, one of far-reaching development, population, economic, social, and environmental challenges. Such has been the case particularly in Africa, where these challenges have compounded.

In addition to timely delivery, flexibility, and predictability of resources, developing countries need access to new funding and increased support for their domestic financial systems. At the same time, it must be underscored that the current global landscape cannot be an excuse or a justification for our partners to avoid the existing international commitments.

Mme Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

The text before us remains unfortunately a cause for much concern to those who really care about the future destiny of this critical global program on population and development.

Suffice it to say that we are not only deeply concerned by the attempts and hijacks to accord and grant higher grounds and status to a selected set of principles but more by the substantial dilution, utter disregard and aversion for all-important core principles such as the sovereignty, the right to development, and the central role of the family.

Mme Chair,

In closing, to set the bar below and stand still is regress. And once again, as with many other squandered golden opportunities in the past, the commemoration of the fascinating saga of the ICPD Program of Action failed to catalyze and galvanize unprecedented, unwavering and intense actions to reach gale force momentum in its full and effective implementation in order to ensure that no one is left behind.

Mme Chair,

I tried to adumbrate and sketch the position of my delegation which finally and at the end offers its cautious support to this political declaration.

Thank you.