



Statement of the Republic of Iraq

**57th Session of the Commission on Population and
Development**

**Explanation of position after the adoption of the Declaration
on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the
International Conference on population and Development**

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Madam Chair,

my delegation welcomes the adoption of the political declaration in anticipation of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action. We also express our appreciation for the chair's leadership in guiding us to a successful conference.

We commend the Chair and Bureau for their dedication to accommodating our concerns. This approach has facilitated a more balanced outcome that duly considers the diverse positions and priorities of the states.

The political declaration stands as an example of the remarkable strength found in genuine consensus and international cooperation, demonstrating the transformative impact when unity prevails over division and polarization.

In our view, it is imperative that the right to development “as a fundamental human right that encompasses the entitlement of all individuals and communities to participate in”. And “the importance of family as the cornerstone of society” are duly acknowledged and integrated into the future work of the commission. These essential elements serve as the foundation for sustainable development and must be considered alongside population dynamics.

Thank you, Madam Chair.