

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



EXPLANATION OF POSITION DURING THE 57TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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Thank you Madam Chair for the floor.

1. At the outset allow me to extend my delegation's appreciation to you madam chair, the bureau, secretariat, and UNFPA for successfully organizing the 57th Session of the Commission of Population and Development.
2. We also commend the excellent work of the facilitator for leading the negotiations on the political declaration which was successfully adopted by consensus at the beginning of this session.

Madam Chair

3. The Declaration adopted on April 29th, 2024 is very important since it speaks to the theme of "**Assessing the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**". During these five days we have reflected on the historic Conference held in 1994, and a number of achievements have been underscored. But the gap has widened between the developed and the developing countries. Thus, this calls for more cooperation to address challenges that have hampered the implementation of the Programme of Action.
4. It was important to adopt strong Political declarations with concrete action. But we have unfortunately achieved the low minimum. The political Declaration misses important aspects of ICPD-PoA such as the recognition of the right to development, family, poverty alleviation, hunger, and diseases. This is due to the fact that the discussions in the negotiations focused on the issues that were more divisive rather than those which unite us.

5. In future negotiations, language that does not have a clear definition and does not enjoy consensus within the United Nations, although important to some delegations should be avoided. It has been clear that they cost us a great deal of time but also deny us better results.

Madam Chair,

6. Tanzania being among the countries with fastest growing population attaches great commitment to the realization of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs. We will continue to implement the ICPD PoA in cooperation with partners and with respect to our laws, policies, ethical values, cultural backgrounds, and philosophical convictions of our people and their communities, as stated in the ICPD Programme of Action.

I thank you.