

Thank you, Madam Chair,

Brazil expresses its sincere appreciation to the co-facilitators for the constructive and inclusive negotiation process they led. We commend the leadership demonstrated throughout the consultations and recognize their considerable efforts to develop a consensus text that safeguarded the integrity of our key international agreements.

We regret that the Commission on Population and Development has fallen short of the legitimate expectation to produce a resolution on the crucial issue of health for all. Brazil supported the Chair's Text circulated yesterday not because all of our positions were fully reflected in the text. Much to the contrary. Brazil would have liked many topics that were not even contemplated in rev.2 to be included.

Food security, the fight against racism as a crosscutting issue, international migration, rapidly changing demographics, care policies and sexual health and reproductive rights, including sexual education. These are but a few priorities we had to compromise in order to strike a balance and to contribute to a meaningful collective outcome.

Madam Chair,

Brazil is deeply concerned about the continued lack of concrete results at the CPD. Current ideological divides among Member States have aggravated a long and regrettable reluctance to take action and to honor the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development of 1994. In fact, even documents adopted in previous years did not fully reflect the Cairo Program.

Between 2015 and 2023, only 3 sessions of the CPD have approved final declarations related to the ICPD Program of Action - whose chapters are closely interconnected and must therefore be considered as a whole. No aspect of the Program of Action can be forsaken, be it the sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights or the economic and social rights, including the right to development. We cannot become accustomed to delegations picking and choosing from international commitments. This is simply not acceptable.

With that in mind, Brazil will seek to work closely together with other developing countries that are prepared to promote the implementation of the Program in its entirety, I repeat, in its entirety, as well as the normalization of the Cairo language. We will aim to provide space for debate and coordination mainly among countries from the Global South. This is particularly relevant and timely, in view of the Second World Social Summit. The ultimate goal is to help us overcome the disunity and ensuing paralysis we have seen for a long time.

Once again, Brazil thanks you and the co-facilitators for your hard work. Brazil remains steadfast in our commitment to advance the full implementation of the ICPD Program of Action, the 2030 Agenda and, in so doing, sustain multilateralism and the UN. We kindly invite all like-minded countries, particularly from the Global South, to join forces to this effect.