

**Statement on behalf of the EU and its Member States: Resolution on ensuring healthy lives
and promoting well-being for all at all ages**

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Chair, Excellencies, colleagues,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the EU and its Member States. The Candidate Countries North Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania, Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Bosnia and Herzegovina align themselves with this statement.

We wish to extend our gratitude to the Chair, H.E. Katja Lasseur of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as well as the facilitators of this year's main resolution on health, Ms. Jessica Orduz of Colombia and Ms. Norma Abi Karam of Lebanon, for their outstanding leadership in guiding the negotiations, and to Ms. Stefany Romero of Uruguay for her excellent efforts in facilitating negotiations on the theme for CPD60.

The EU and its Member States, many other delegations, engaged in a constructive and flexible manner in the negotiations to reach consensus. We regret that a consensual outcome document could not be reached this year on the important topic of health.

We want to emphasise that we are happy with the common ground and unity that we did create this CPD, among many UN Member States. The negotiations were meaningful and demonstrated a clear commitment to the CPD and the topic of this year.

EU regrets the missed opportunity for a strong outcome document that would show our collective ambition to deliver on the promise of the International Conference on Population and Development. Urgent and increasing health needs, humanitarian crises and the reality of climate change and the setbacks in upholding human rights left us no choice but to ensure that we live in a world without sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices, where all women and girls can make choices about their lives health and well-being where the potential of every individual is fulfilled and no mother or infant dies simply because the health system has failed them.

We wish to express our disappointment that the text did not welcome the Summit of the Future, or the Pact for the Future and its annexes, which were adopted only recently by consensus by our leaders.

We also regret that the opportunity to consider climate change could not be included in the theme for 2027 but welcome the newly proposed theme focusing on poverty eradication, which is so critical to implementing the ICPD PoA and the realization of the 2030 Agenda.

We continue to value and prioritise the Commission on Population and Development as a critical opportunity to assess progress and challenges in the delivery of the Cairo Programme of Action.

We also reiterate our strong support for UNFPA as the custodian of the ICPD Programme of Action and remain committed to supporting its leadership and operations advancing sexual and reproductive health, gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls worldwide.

The realisation of the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health benefits the individual as well as social and economic development overall. The strengthening of health systems and Universal Health Coverage is essential, including comprehensive, high quality and affordable and accessible sexual and reproductive health care services, is essential and based on strong primary health care. Non-discrimination and gender equality are paramount. Women and girls, adolescents and marginalised groups must be at the forefront of our action.

There is still work to do. The EU and its Member States are committed to advance this unfinished agenda. It is a collective responsibility, which involves governments, civil society, private sector and the multilateral system. This CPD has shown that we do have a collective commitment. Let's make sure we hold on to the common ground that we created during this 58th session of the CPD, in order to continue this important work.

We cannot take our eye off this vital work.

Thank you.