

Madam Chair,

I wish to congratulate you, on behalf of my delegation, and to commend your leadership in this year's session of the Commission on Population and development, and I extend my congratulations to the members of the Bureau, the vice-chairs, Jocelyne from Burundi, Galena from Moldova and Stefany from Uruguay.

Madam Chair,

Lebanon is committed to the recommendations of the ICPD Programme of Action and highlights the importance of the work of the Commission on Population and Development and its pivotal role in shaping policies, discussing challenges and priorities to meet the growing needs.

Lebanon is a member of the CPD and the bureau for this session, as well had the honor to co-facilitate with Colombia, the consultations on the draft resolution of the 58th session of the Commission on Population and Development entitled "Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages".

Lebanon was committed and worked tirelessly in order to achieve a meaningful consensual outcome, that reflects all delegation's interests and priorities, as the co-facilitators were guided by the ambition and the main task to reach and achieve this mission. However, despite the overwhelming support majority by the member states we regret not having an outcome this year. Achieving consensus is critical to the work and purpose of the Commission on Population and Development.

Dear colleagues,

I would like to thank you for your constructive efforts and active participation in the informal consultations. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the support and the very productive, collaborative spirit and constructive approach that was shown by the delegations throughout the process.

Lastly, Lebanon reaffirms its strong support for the ICPD programme of action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and our commitment to their full implementation.

We look forward to the full engagement at the 59th session of the Commission next year.

I thank you Madame Chair