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“Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being
for all at all ages”**

General statement

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Statement to be delivered by Portugal

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- Thank you, Madam Chair and to the Bureau of CPD58, as well, for your dedicated efforts to facilitate consensus throughout this session.
- We align ourselves with the statement delivered by Poland on behalf of the EU and its Member States and by South Africa on behalf of a group of countries, and would like to add the following in our national capacity.
- We regret that consensus could not be reached on an outcome document.
- Like others, we find it concerning that foundational references to the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs were consistently challenged or omitted during negotiations.



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- We reaffirm our unwavering support for the 2030 Agenda as well as the Programme of Action of the ICPD and its follow-up reviews, as they continue to provide a comprehensive, rights-based framework for addressing population and development issues, including sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- Ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights is critical for achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls.
- Sustainable development cannot be achieved without ensuring that all people—especially women, adolescents, and marginalized groups, including older persons —can exercise their rights and access essential health, education, and services throughout their lives.
- On the 30th anniversary of ICPD last year, all UN Member States reaffirmed the ongoing relevance of this agenda, emphasizing rights, dignity, and choices.
- We are disappointed that negotiations did not welcome the Summit or the Pact for the Future, which were only recently adopted by consensus by our leaders.
- You can count on us to keep pushing this agenda forward.
- I thank you.