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Thank you Madam Chair for the floor,

- 1. We congratulate you and the Bureau on your election and are confident in your leadership. You have our full support.**
- 2. We thank the Secretary-General for his reports and note the recommendations.**
- 3. The International Conference on Population and Development of the 1994 and related conferences have underscored the importance of population health for sustainable development. The focus of this year's theme on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being in the context of the principles of the ICPD Programme of Action is essential in augmenting overall efforts to achieve the SDGs.**
- 4. In my country Ethiopia, the key elements of the commitment and principles of the ICPD are well reflected and captured in the 2021-2030 Ten-Year Development Plan and Home-grown economic reform program.**
- 5. The Government of Ethiopia has made significant strides in implementing the 'Seqota' Declaration to end stunting in Ethiopia for children less than two years. This initiative is being undertaken through effective coordination of sectors, communities and development partners, focusing on high impact nutrition. Within the spirit and context of the declaration, Ethiopia has continued to implement the school feeding program with the impact of not only reducing dropout rates but also contributing to the healthy growth of children.**
- 6. Ethiopia's public health policy well suits the specific needs of Children and youth. The government has made significant achievement in social development, particularly in the health sector notwithstanding challenges in tackling the prevalence of communicable and Non-Communicable diseases.**
- 7. Preventable maternal mortality and morbidity often result from inadequate access to essential healthcare services. The Government of**

Ethiopia is dedicated to expanding intervention coverage by ensuring the availability of healthcare professionals. This includes assigning two Health Extension Workers to the smallest administrative units, deploying trained midwives to woreda health stations, and increasing the presence of doctors. However, challenges persist in terms of leveraging technology on early disease detection and prevention.

- 8. The Government of Ethiopia reaffirms its commitment to the principles of the ICPD to achieve universal health coverage, and harness the demographic dividend.**
- 9. The world remains off track in achieving Goal of the SDGs including universal health coverage by 2030. Financing stands out as a major barrier that must be urgently addressed. Many developing countries, including Ethiopia, face significant debt servicing burdens, which divert critical resources away from social spending.**
- 10. In this context, the upcoming 4th International Conference on Financing for Development and the Second World Summit for Social Development would provide important opportunities to tackle financing challenges and to renew our collective commitment to achieving the SDGs.**
- 11. The world possesses sufficient resources to realize healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all. The international community should discharge its development finance responsibilities by upholding its political commitment with a view to achieving the SDGs by 2030.**

I thank you!

