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Thank you Chair, The Commission's timely focus on "healthy lives and promoting wellbeing for all at all ages" presents an essential opportunity to celebrate the United States rejoining the Geneva Consensus Declaration.

The Geneva Consensus Declaration on Promoting Women's Health and Strengthening the Family elevates priorities which continue to endure thirty years after the ICPD Programme of Action. These milestones demonstrate that sovereign nations working together across the UN system can achieve meaningful health and development gains for women, because we thrive when we protect life at all stages and defend the family as the fundamental unit of society.

The United States remains committed to advancing these core values because they make us safer, stronger, and more prosperous. Through many executive actions, President Trump has restored our focus on life and the family including in key areas of interest to the Commission related to fertility and infertility. The GCD stresses the ICPD's enduring principle; all countries want to support women going "safely through pregnancy and childbirth and provide couples with the best chance of having a healthy infant." This aim remains as important today as it was thirty years ago. However, today countries face dramatically different and changing population dynamics. Retaining the focus on those emerging issues in line with the Commission's mandate is essential for its continued utility.

Consistent with the Administration's unequivocal rejection of gender ideology extremism, the Commission must respect the true areas of consensus. There are too many areas where the promise of the ICPD Program of Action remains unfulfilled. The rate of reduction of maternal, child and newborn mortality has stagnated. Many countries face new challenges in relation to population aging. Too often there is a tendency to treat family and children as only a burden. With immense cultural and economic factors weighing against family formation, today's generation of young people are the largest cohort in history who need our support to unlock their full potential, to feel like they have something worth passing on, worth fighting for, just like their ancestors did for them. Engaging on population issues which unite us, not divide us, is the path forward for the CPD.

The United States has made clear that any reaffirmation of the 2030 agenda on sustainable development goals advances a program of soft global governance that is inconsistent with U.S. sovereignty and adverse to the rights and interests of Americans. Accordingly, the United States would not accept such affirmations