

Explanation of Position of the Republic of Poland on the adoption of the resolution of the 45th session of the CPD: *Adolescents and youth.*

Mister Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Republic of Poland I would like to thank you, Mr. Chair, the Bureau, the Population Division, and other members of the Secretariat of the United Nations engaged in the organization and servicing of the 45th session of the Commission on Population and Development.

Poland believes that issues discussed during this year's session are of crucial importance not only for our country but also for the international community as a whole. We concur with the words of the resolution that has just been adopted by the Commission that young people are a major resource for development, and key agents for progress and change in a variety of fields. Poland remains committed to the full and effective implementation of the ICPD Program of Action, and expresses its strong support for the activities of the UN system in this regard.

Bearing in mind the above, Poland congratulates the Commission on the adoption by consensus of the resolution entitled *Adolescents and youth*. Nevertheless, we would like to refer to the statement pronounced by the Polish delegation last Tuesday, under the agenda item 4, and reiterate our understanding that any references made in the text of the resolution to sexual and reproductive health services, reproductive rights and safe or unsafe abortion should be read in the context of the ICPD Programme of Action and as set out therein. They do not constitute an encouragement to and the promotion of abortion.

We would like this statement to be duly reflected in the official report of the Commission to be submitted to the ECOSOC, and in the official records of this meeting. If possible, we would request its circulation as a document of the 45th session. I would also ask for it to be posted on the official website of the 45th session of the Commission, under the relevant agenda item. The Permanent Mission of Poland to the United Nations in New York will provide you, Mr. Chairman, and the Secretariat, including the Population Division, with the copies of this statement in order to facilitate the fulfillment of our requests.

Thank you for your attention.