

Explanation of position of the result of the 53rd session of the Commission on Population and Development

Denmark

- Denmark aligns itself with the statement by the European Union.
- Denmark expresses gratitude to the Chair for his leadership and tireless efforts on a draft declaration on population, food security, nutrition, sustainable and COVID-19. We also thank the other Bureau members and the secretariat for their support and guidance.
- Denmark deeply regrets that the Commission was unable to reach a consensus on this declaration, as the impact of COVID-19 on nutrition and food security is a serious threat to millions of people worldwide.
- Mindful on the exacerbating impact of COVID-19 on women and girls, on 6 May 2020, Denmark, along with 58 other governments, issued a joint ministerial statement outlining the importance of protecting sexual and reproductive health and rights and promoting gender-responsiveness in the COVID-19 Crisis.
- Indeed, Denmark believes that the full and effective implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and the outcomes of its review conferences, the full realization of all human rights for all, including SRHR, achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, are as vital in normal times as through this pandemic.
- As reiterated at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD at 25, in November 2019, the ICPD Programme of Action saves and improves millions of lives, and we support its fast-tracked implementation. Denmark therefore places great importance and value in the role of the Commission on Population and Development to follow-up, review and assess its implementation.
- Denmark looks forward to further extensive discussions and negotiations on Population, Food security, Nutrition and Sustainable development at the 54th session, next year. Rest assured of our commitment and determination to these essential issues.