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**Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States
upon adoption of draft resolution 2014/1 on
"Assessment of the Status of Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International
Conference on Population and Development"**

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. I would like to thank you and the members of the Bureau, particularly the 2 co-facilitators, for your efforts, as well as all negotiating partners for their hard work over the past few weeks to work towards a consensus text. It would indeed have been a disappointment not to have a consensus text, especially at the 20th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development and the adoption of the Cairo Programme of Action, which is truly a landmark document that puts people at the heart of sustainable development.

It is fair to ask ourselves whether we have collectively lived up to our task here at the CPD. One wonders how our colleagues 20 years ago in Cairo would have felt if they had known that, 20 years later, some of the principles they had agreed to would have been the object of so many objections. We all profess a life with dignity for all and we all want not to leave anyone behind and yet, some of us here want to leave behind text that is the bare minimum, I repeat, the bare minimum to ensure that all individuals can enjoy their rights without discrimination or distinction.

The European Union and its Member States remain committed to the implementation of the ICPD programme of action and its key actions for further implementation beyond 2014. We thank UNFPA for their efforts in conducting the Global Review of Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action over the past two years, which has provided us with a wealth of information and recommendations on how to ensure the promise of Cairo is fulfilled for all people, without discrimination of any kind and in support of sustainable development.

The EU and its Member States look forward to the Special Session of the General Assembly this coming September, where our important global conversations will continue.

I thank you.