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Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation would like to join the previous speakers to highly appreciate the encouraging progress that the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) has achieved in implementing its programme in the field of population. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Population Division for its diligent and fruitful efforts in the past year. The Population Division's demographic research results have provided national decision making with very useful dynamic information and reference data. Over the years, with their authority and objectiveness, demographic data and analysis reports from the Population Division of UNDESA enjoy high reputation among the Chinese demographic circle.

With regard to future work of the Population Division in the field of population, the Chinese delegation would like to put forward the following three recommendations:

1. Strengthen the studies of new issues, key issues and difficult issues emerged in the field of population, such as impacts of demographic

structural changes on development, interrelationship between population dynamics and climate change, implications of climate change on health and the relationship between population migration and urbanization.

2. Make full use of modern communication means such as the Internet to maximize the dissemination of demographic research results so as to enable as many government decision-makers, program managers and academic researchers as possible to make full use of such research results.

3. Reinforce capacity building of developing countries in the aspects such as standardized demographic data collection, analysis of demographic changes and national strategic studies on population. Due to different national socioeconomic development levels and acceleration of economic globalization, the population trend of many countries features increasing uncertainties. As such, reinforcing capacity building of developing countries in these regards is of critical importance to the realization of the ICPD goals and the MDGs.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.