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Respected Mr. Chair,

The Chinese delegation highly appreciates the encouraging progress the Population Division achieved in implementing population programs in 2010 and would like to extend our gratitude to the Population Division for their hard efforts for the past year.

As introduced by the report, the UN Population Division has conducted huge amount of fruitful works in analyzing fertility, mortality rate and international migration, making world population projection, researching the interrelationship between population and development and disseminating population information. With their supreme objectivity and authority, the large quantity of academic reports and policy bulletins published by the Population Division on the basis of solid research have provided important support to national decision making in all countries including China.

The Chinese delegation endorses the key issues indicated in the report:

Expanding accessibility of reproductive health will accelerate the decline of fertility in developing countries and promote the realization of key MDGs; Urbanization, aging and international

migration are increasingly becoming priority concerns in the areas of population and development. HIV/AIDS prevalence remains a major concern in the population area for national governments. As negative impacts of HIV/AIDS prevalence cover all population and development indicators, seeking effective strategies to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS remains a priority on the international agenda.

Finally, I would like to emphasize in particular that with the technical support from the Population Division, the China Population and Development Research Center independently developed a set of population projection software which may be suitable for most countries in the world (PADIS-INT). We hope that development and utilization of this software will contribute positively to standardizing population forecasting methodologies, upgrading quality of population data, and enhancing capacity building of developing countries in data collection. Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to once again thank the Population Division for their great technical support to the software.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.