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**Programme implementation and future programme of work of the
Secretariat in the field of population**

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Madame Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the German delegation, let me extend our thanks to the Population Division and to the members of the Secretariat for their efforts in organizing the CPD. We appreciate the constant support they have given the delegations before and during negotiations. Their support is vital for the success of the commission.

We are convinced this year's CPD session on "Changing population age structures and sustainable development" will make an important contribution to the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals. The reports prepared by the Population Division and UNFPA provide thoughtful guidance on this complex matter, and we would like to encourage the Population Division and UNFPA to continue their work together providing data, best practices and state-of-the-art research and analysis to Member States and the international community.

Germany remains fully committed to implementing the ICPD Programme of Action and the outcomes of its reviews. And we believe strongly in having accurate, timely and comprehensive data to analyze the impact of changing age structures on development. Empirical data on demographic changes and evidence-based analysis of population dynamics help guide our decisions while pursuing the Sustainable Development Goals. Such data and analysis are indispensable in

implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and ensuring that no one is left behind.

Germany is working closely with partner countries to build up their capacity to conduct data-based analysis of population dynamics. We are committed to working with the UN Population Division, UNFPA, Member States and other partners to promote the use of demographic data and analysis for evidence-based planning and decision-making.

Let me conclude by renewing our support to the Commission for Population and Development and reiterating our firm belief that the commission must play a central role in providing evidence of and guidance on the close relationship between population dynamics, social development, human rights and the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainability. We must understand this relationship and its implications if we are to achieve the goals of the 2030 development agenda.

Thank you for your attention.