



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**STATEMENT**

**by H. E. Mr. Victor Moraru, Ambassador, Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations**

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to thank you and the other members of the Bureau for your hard work in guiding the preparation of this CPD session.

Likewise, we thank the UN Secretary General for his three reports on the implementation of ICPD Programme of Action and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Mr. Chairman,

Through 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development we committed to leave no one behind by putting people's dignity and well-being at the center of our efforts towards achieving sustainable development. The ICPD Programme of Action reinforces this pledge and represents an important blueprint to make this commitment a reality.

It is encouraging to note that progress has been made in many key areas of the Programme of Action, including on access to sexual and reproductive health care, reduction of child and maternal mortality, extension of life expectancy, increased standards of living and advances in gender equality and women's empowerment.

However the progress has been uneven both within and among countries.

Looking ahead in our efforts towards achieving the ICPD goals and objectives, the main demographic trends, epidemiological transition and climate change related impacts should guide our actions.

Coming from a region that is at the forefront of global demographic transformation from population growth to population ageing coupled with complex migration flows as well as low fertility rates, the Republic of Moldova remains firmly committed to the ICPD goals and objectives.

For the past five years, the Republic of Moldova has made progress in key areas such as population dynamics and sustainable development, families, sexual and reproductive health, inequality and social inclusion.

In December 2018, the Moldovan Parliament adopted the “Moldova 2030” National Development Strategy which embraces a new concept of sustainable development that places people’s well-being at the center.

The new development vision is aligned with the 2030 Agenda as well as the Republic of Moldova - European Union Association Agreement.

Furthermore, we revised the Demographic Security Programme through the lenses of human rights and developed the Concept Vision on Population and Development which is people-centered and evidence-based.

The Moldovan Government has also integrated the active ageing principle in relevant policy documents to address the issue of population ageing and its impact on the sustainable development of the country. Ageing programmes are in place with a view to ensure that the older people can enjoy an active and healthy ageing.

Youth health and well-being is another important component of the Government’s response to national demographic challenges. For the past years, we have improved access to sexual and reproductive health of young people. There are already 41 Youth Friendly Health Centers fully integrated in primary health care system.

The examples provided above represent just a few achievements related to population and development in the Republic of Moldova.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation commends you for your efforts leading to the adoption yesterday, by consensus, of the *Declaration on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development*.

While noting that a number of concerns were raised in regard to certain paragraphs of the Declaration, particularly on paragraphs 3 and 4, we believe that the consensus reached on this document marks a welcoming development.

The Political Declaration reaffirms our collective resolve to further implement the ICPD Programme of Action and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

It is important to capitalize on this political momentum and to accelerate the effective implementation of the population and development goals.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I would like to underscore that the Republic of Moldova aligned itself with the statement of the European Union delivered earlier by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Romania.

Thank you for your attention.