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Mr. Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the German delegation, let me extend our appreciation to the Population Division and the members of the Secretariat for their consistent and excellent efforts in hosting the CPD, including the extensive support they have been providing for the delegations both ahead of and during the meeting. Their support is essential for the success of the Commission's work.

The Population Division and UNFPA have provided the Commission with numerous reports and other valuable input for this year's assessment of the implementation status of the Programme of Action twenty-five years after the Cairo conference. All throughout last year, the Population Division organized training workshops, updated databases, and prepared technical papers and policy briefs on important issues related to population and development.

Collecting data on population and development is crucial for detecting and understanding current and emerging population trends and issues within countries and regions. The Population Division's recently finished internal restructuring will contribute to the further improvement of the dissemination and accessibility of data, one of the Division's key objectives.

As an example, let me cite the publication of a comprehensive data set on family planning indicators: World Contraceptive Use 2018. This dataset was used to produce the Estimates and Projections of Family Planning Indicators 2018. Together, these outputs provide new, relevant in-

formation for national, regional and global monitoring of the SDGs related to contraceptive use, in particular SDGs 3.7 and 5.6.

The World Population Prospects is one of the Division's most important publications. Its population estimates and projections are still being prepared, and the results and underlying data will be published later this year. The 2019 Revision will be closely studied by government representatives, policymakers, researchers and other users.

Evidence-based policymaking relies on sound data which is updated regularly, is provided in sufficient detail and covers a wide range of indicators. The World Population Prospects are a crucial component, along with other data bases on numerous topics including migration and mobility, urbanization, population policies, sustainable development and population aging.

I cannot stress enough the importance of having access to accurate, timely and comprehensive data for monitoring population trends and developments related to fertility, mortality and migration. Detailed and reliable data are indispensable for measuring progress towards the implementation of the SDGs and tracking implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. To this end, we also need disaggregated data for sub-national geographic locations which are broken down by age, gender, migratory status, disability and other characteristics. Such detail is necessary to identify disadvantaged and vulnerable groups who are at risk of being left behind. The Division's work in this area has been extremely valuable.

Germany remains fully committed to implementing the ICPD Programme of Action and the outcomes of its reviews. We reiterate our firm belief in the key role of the Commission in providing evidence of and guidance on population dynamics, social development, human rights and all dimensions of sustainability.

Thank you for your attention.