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Mr. Chairperson

To begin, I would like to renew my appreciation for the work of Population Division.

The data provided by the Population Division, starting with the World Population Prospects, are now the de facto standard for measures of world population and fertility and mortality rates. These data are indispensable for those working hard to monitor the SDG indicators. In addition to future population projections, the population estimate since 1950 is a valuable resource to understand the population history of each country.

In the era of global ageing, it is very useful to have a variety of publications on population ageing, not only on the sheer number of older persons, but also on their living arrangements and changes to household structure. Internationally there are two definitions of older persons, 60 years and over, probably based on the definition employed since the World Assembly on Ageing at Vienna held in 1982, and 65 years and older, based on the ground-breaking report on ageing published by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations back in 1956. This difference of definition sometimes creates a minor confusion. While it would be difficult to set a single definition of elderly, I thank the Population Division which provides the data with several definitions of older persons.

As clearly stated in the Global Compact for Migration, data on international migration are becoming ever more crucial for the international community. The data on international migrants by origin and destination published as the *International Migrant Stock* by the Population Division is a valuable primary data source. Due to the differing definitions of migrant and differing methods of data collection, the counts by countries of origin and destination may vary. In the long run, it is desirable that these differences be reduced.

All other publications, such as the *World Urbanization Prospects*, the *World Mortality Report*, and the *World Population Policies* including *World Abortion Policies*, are also important data-sets used widely in our country and globally. I hope that these publications will be duly continued.

Thank you.