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**General debate: assessing the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development during the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development**

### Draft declaration submitted by the Chair of the Commission

## Declaration on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development

*We, the Ministers and representatives of Governments, gathered at the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development, from 29 April to 3 May 2024 in New York, on the special occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994, in the context of the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development<sup>1</sup> and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>2</sup>*

1. *Reaffirm* the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation,<sup>3</sup> and the outcomes of its reviews, and note the outcome documents of the regional review conferences, stressing that the outcome documents of the regional review conferences provide region-specific guidance on population and development for each region that adopted the particular outcome documents;

2. *Renew* our determination to advance the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Programme of Action, to address its unfinished business with a sense of urgency, duty and responsibility, in the spirit of international cooperation, global partnership and solidarity, and to reinforce the interlinkages between

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<sup>1</sup> *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5–13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution 70/1.

<sup>3</sup> General Assembly resolution S-21/2, annex.



population and development in relevant multilateral processes, deeply convinced that the Programme of Action remains as relevant as it was 30 years ago;

3. *Recognize* that, in a demographically diverse world, population dynamics, including differences in the pace of population growth or decline, changing population age structures, urbanization and international migration, will continue to shape the world for present and future generations;

4. *Welcome* the progress made thus far towards achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action and the Sustainable Development Goals, and stress that challenges and obstacles remain in the implementation of the Programme of Action and, in this regard, pledge to undertake further action to ensure its full and accelerated implementation;

5. *Are deeply convinced* that the full implementation of the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation is crucial to fulfil the vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to accelerate its implementation, and that the two agendas are mutually reinforcing and must be boldly translated into effective action by all stakeholders, balancing the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental – in an integrated manner, and seeking to realize the human rights of all, including the right to development, and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;

6. *Recognize* that the Programme of Action requires for its full implementation both increased political will at all levels and adequate and sufficient mobilization of resources at the national and international levels, as well as predictable, sustainable and sufficient development finance to developing countries from all sources, and that Governments are not expected to meet the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action single-handedly, and reaffirm our commitment to accelerate the full implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development<sup>4</sup> and to take further actions to scale up financing for sustainable development;

7. *Encourage* Governments, international organizations, including those of the United Nations system, international financial institutions and other relevant stakeholders to assist developing countries in implementing the Programme of Action, by enhancing North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation on and access to science, technology and innovation, and capacity-building activities;

8. *Commit* to promote the availability of and access to high-quality, timely, relevant, disaggregated and reliable population data, which are essential for implementing and monitoring the Programme of Action and measuring progress towards achieving the 2030 Agenda, strengthen research on the linkages between population and sustainable development, and take account of population trends and projections in development strategies and policies;

9. *Call upon* the United Nations system, international and regional organizations and all sectors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to fully commit themselves and to intensify their contributions to the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda.

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<sup>4</sup> General Assembly resolution [69/313](#), annex.