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Mr. Chair,

The Chinese delegation is delighted to have this opportunity to introduce the Chinese experience to the participants regarding the theme “New Trends in Migration -- Demographic Aspects”.

Along with the progress of reform and opening up, China's international migration keeps growing in scale and exerts increasingly marked impacts on China's economy. First, with expanding international emigration from China, China becomes a growingly important country of origin. Chinese migrants living abroad have more than doubled in number between 1990 and 2010. Second, the number of overseas immigrants into China is also

of foreign nationality into the scope of census, registering a total number of about 590, 000 foreigners. In June 2012, the Chinese government released the new *Administrative Measures on Immigration and Emigration*

enabling policy environment for promotion of orderly population urbanization and transformation of rural migrant workers into urban residents. Local governments at all levels have also made proactive attempts in line with their respective local situations to explore for ways that help integrate migrants into local communities.

and economic layout: Policy guidance and incentive drive are both needed to further encourage people to move from areas weak in resource/environment carrying capacity to areas with stronger carrying capacity; (2) Room for further enhancement of integrated urban carrying capacity: Due to the uneven distribution of resources for survival between different cities, large cities have become the focus of attraction for population concentration and are therefore facing the pressure of drastic population inflation. Many small and medium cities, on the other hand, are relatively weak in attracting industry concentration and providing public services and therefore less attractive to the surrounding rural population. The combination of these two factors negatively affects improvement of integrated urban carrying capacity nationwide; and (3) Need for further reform of institutional factors that impede population migration.

Mr. Chair,

Development aims at promoting freedom of people to live the life they prefer. Population migration is an important component of such freedom. The Chinese government will stick to the principles of scientific planning, rational layout and comprehensive consideration of urban and rural issues, gradually cover all resident population in basic urban public services including family planning and reproductive health services and thereby create an institutional environment favorable to free migration, happy life and enjoyable work.

The 12th Session of the National People's Congress convened in March 2013 decided to set up the National Health and Family Planning Commission by merging the former Ministry of Health and the National Population and Family Planning Commission, for the purpose of

optimizing allocation of resources and providing better health and family planning services to the people. The Chinese government will continue to adhere to the basic national policy of family planning, gradually improve its fertility policy, address population issues in a comprehensive way and promote long-term and sustainable development of its population.

Mr. Chair,

Population migration is a complicated social phenomenon closely related to political, economic, social and cultural development. The Chinese government is more than happy to continue with its efforts to promote exchange of experiences and policy dialogue with other national governments regarding population migration policies, jointly respond to challenges in population and development including migration and endeavor for implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action, improvement of human well being and construction of a prosperous, beautiful and harmonious world!

Thank you, Mr. Chair.