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Statement by the Swiss Delegation

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Mr. President,

The Swiss delegation would like to thank the Secretary-General and the UN entities involved for the very informative reports for this session. The International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) pioneered the global recognition of migration as a development force rather than a development failure. However, the implementation of the ICPD Program of Action (PoA) remains to be completed. In particular, in addition to the migration issues to be intensively debated in this session, big challenges remain to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights and advance progress toward gender equality. Switzerland reaffirms its commitment to achieve the goals of the ICPD PoA and the key actions for its further implementation.

In the Global Thematic Consultation on Population Dynamics, led by Switzerland and Bangladesh, it was underlined that comprehensive and coherent policies are needed to address the implications of population dynamics, including migration. Development frameworks that recognize and incorporate the reality and effects of migration are the necessary foundation for migrants, their communities and governments in countries of origin, transit and destination to harness the development benefits of migration. The development potential that migration offers can be used to a greater extent if migration issues are more systematically mainstreamed in sectoral policies or, more generally, in regional, national or local development strategies.

This year marks a crucial year for the phenomenon of migration at the United Nations. Not only does the ongoing Commission on Population and Development address the multifaceted implications of migration for migrants and society, and strives to advance the implementation of migration related objectives of the ICPD Program of Action. This October, the second UN High-level Dialogue (UNHLD) on International Migration and Development will provide a landmark occasion for the international community to take stock of the progress made and to further advance the