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the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

Madam Chairperson,

Allow me to begin by conveying my sincerest congratulations to you and other members of the Bureau upon your election. My delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China.

Madam Chairperson,

The International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994 recognized that poverty eradication and sustainable development are interrelated to high rates of population growth.

In the past two decades, or more, governments and stakeholders have steadfastly advocated population and development policies and programs, on the basis of equality as well as the improvement of welfare and well-being of all. Progress is tangible. Yet, shaking off the spectre of poverty remains very challenging. The Millennium Development Goals has been instrumental in getting the world to the halfway point on poverty. Yet, there is still more work to be done beyond 2015. Much of the action that needs to be done has links to population matters.

We should build on the important lessons learned, such as the misalignment between resources and funding with priorities and programmes on the ground. At the same time, we also need to anticipate responses for new challenges emerging across the globe.

Indeed, we must continue the positive progress and address these gaps at the same time. In doing so, honest and equal cooperation among governments and other stakeholders are of importance. Yet again, it must be reemphasized that a strong sense of country ownership lends to the legitimacy of any future ICPD Plan of Action. The economic, social and environmental diversity of conditions in each country should factor prominently. There needs to be full respect for the various religious and ethical values, cultural background and philosophical convictions of every nation and its people.

Madam Chairperson,

Twentyplus years since its adoption, the ICPD PoA is still relevant for Indonesia. The

national institutions as well as implementation of the relevant policies at the national level.

Fourth, *creating an enabling environment.* Peaceful societies, good governance, environmental sustainability and addressing inequity within and among countries are several of many important factors that will further support the realization of any new development agenda.