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General Debate on National Experience in Population Matters:
Strengthening the Demographic Evidence Base for the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

Statement by H.E. Mr. Kai Sauer,

Madame Chairperson, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Finland aligns itself with the statement made by the Netherlands on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

Madame Chairperson,

I would like to start with a topic that is very close to my heart and also of great relevance to my country when it comes to population matters:

Finland has a long-term interest and also well-functioning systems in place for sexual and

Finally, at the same time though, a worrisome trend has been increased mortality differences between population groups when disaggregated by the socioeconomic status. We need to find ways of tackling it better.

Coming now to the monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals...