

# STATEMENT

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**Madam Chairperson,**

Therefore, Madam Chairperson, distinguished delegates, as we approach the new era of the Sustainable Development Goals, my delegation is in full support of the discussions of this Commission, in particular, improvements in civil registration systems and the use and integration of new approaches of data management and multiple data sources. It is important Madam Chairperson that, these systems are continuously strengthened to improve the evidence base. The challenge of strengthening national statistical systems particularly in developing countries has been recognized within the context of targets 17.18 and 17.19 of the SDGs and this must be prioritized if we are effectively to measure progress.

**Madam Chairperson,**

In conclusion, Ghana would like to reiterate our commitment and support for the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and the ICPD-PoA which are mutually reinforcing. Ghana is ready and prepared to work with all to uphold the dignity of the human population towards enhanced quality of life for all as enshrined under the ICPD-PoA, the Maputo Plan of Action, the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development Beyond 2014, among others