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*Madame Chair,*

*Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen*

*Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered on Monday by the representative of the European Union and wishes to add the following remarks in its national capacity.*

*The Agenda 2030 is now rightly permeating every aspect of the UN agenda and of the international community's efforts to bring about the shared objectives of peace, security, equality and prosperity for all. In this regard, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the year 2015 have become*

*more relevant in the forum where we are speaking now, the Commission on Population and Development, whereas the issues of development are closely linked to the needs and dynamics of populations, or even better so to the ones of*

*reference to the so-called "big data" (the ones generated by satellites, social media, search engines), that often lack representativity and risk losing their heuristic utility.*

*Madame Chair,*

*So what do we want to achieve with CPD? We do want to act to safeguards rights at individuals' levels but with a view to impacting on environmental sustainability and population dynamics at a higher scale: this is, in our view, the perfect combination of local and global, of the single and of the society, of - if you allow me - the single tree and of the whole forest. The United Nations - and us as diplomats who work in and with them - should indeed task themselves with the following goal, ideally embodied by the CPD due to its comprehensive and far-reaching history and background: taking care of the collective interests without losing sight of the person-centred approach, endeavoring to assess the needs of every single individual/category without, although, forsaking to take on the political responsibility to inspire and lead*

*economic and environmental domains.*

*analysis into according policies, such that demographic evidence base can really contribute to the attainment of SGDs.*

*This is the outcome, Madame Chair, that I wish to the works of this year's*

*Commission*

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*Thank you very much.*