

Statement
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- Excellency Mr. Chairperson
- Distinguished delegates

On behalf of the Government of Lao PDR, I would like to congratulate her Excellency, Ambassador of Zambia and the other

distinguished members of the Bureau for the successful organization of the 49th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the United Nations in

wealth of information to set the baseline for the 8th NSEDP and SDGs as

particular, to capture the benefits of demographic dividend which is expected to last for the next 30 years for the Lao PDR. Apart from this, the Government has continued to strengthen data collection, analysis and use in all areas. However, despite the Government's efforts, quality data and the use of data, including demographic evidence are still limited. Therefore, the international community support to build capacity to in this area is needed to further enhance the effectiveness and efficiency in monitoring, reviewing and reporting towards the SDG localisation and implementation in the Lao PDR.

Madame. Chairperson,

The importance of this year theme highlights the needs for us to continue our commitment to the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Beyond 2014 within the context of the SDGs. It is vital to ensure that ICPD is continued to be reviewed, and implemented within the context of the SDGs. The Lao PDR recognizes that ICPD contributes to the achievements of human security. We are committed to the implementation of the ICPD.

DDP is implementing ICPD including strengthened national capacities in

producing and using demographic dividend in the context of the SDGs.

Last but not least, I wish the 49th session of ICPD a great success and bringing great values to enrich our partnerships, cooperation, and the success of SDGs. I look forwards to your continuing support and assistance. As this will certainly enhance our Government's efforts for the