



Madam Chair,

On behalf of the Nigeria delegation, may I congratulate and express our warm regards to you and members of the Bureau on your appointment and to pledge our support and cooperation towards the successful conduct of this session.

Nigeria aligns herself with the statements delivered by Thailand on behalf of the G77 and China and Uganda on behalf of the Africa Group.

Madam Chair,

Nigeria appreciates the importance of the theme of the Session – ***"Strengthening the***

Demographic Evidence Base for the Post-2015 Development Agenda" as it reflects the nucleus challenge of implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda in Africa.

Nigeria further appreciates the content and contextual framework of the New Global

Development Agenda (adopted at the 17th Summit of the Heads of State or Government (G20)

Demographically, Nigeria has the largest population in Africa, currently projected at

100 million (National Population

Commission 2011), spatially reported at state levels and further disaggregated to Local

Full implementation of the new global development agenda. In addition, some sectors

policies including the National Youth Policy (2009-2014) and the National Gender Policy

(2008-2013) are being reviewed. Furthermore, Nigeria has developed Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (NINDC) aimed at reducing its carbon intensity by 50 percent by 2035 from the 2005 level and halving its total greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.