Statement by Norway

at the virtual informal brainstorming meeting on the future role and organization of the Commission on Population and Development

Thank you very much Mr. Chair for convening this important meeting.

Norway is a staunch supporter of the Programme of Action from the International Conference on Population and Development and the outcomes of its review conferences.

We therefore place great importance on the role of the Commission on Population and Development to follow-up, review and assess its implementation.

Norway remains committed to implement the ICPD Programme of Action, achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and respect, protect and fulfil Human Rights for all. The impact of COVID-19 on women and girls have just made our cause even more urgent.

On the topics at hand, I would like to lend our support to many of the points made by colleagues before me, in particular:

We agree that the reports of the commission should be technical reports with clear evidence-

Norway would also like to add our voice to welcoming the meaningful participation of civil society in all future sessions.

We thank the Chair for taking on this task and will continue working with all member states to determine the best way forward.