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Mr. Chairman of the Commission on Population and Development

Ladies and gentlemen,

Our meeting represents an important opportunity for expanding discussions on the interlinkage between population and sustainable development, in particular attaining sustained and inclusive economic growth and accelerating our efforts towards ensuring the prosperity and well-being of everyone.

It also serves to renew our commitment to build on what has been achieved through the Program of Action of the ICPD in 1994, the Cairo Declaration in 2014 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

(ICPD) constituted a significant leap in the history of international development cooperation. It raised awareness of the relationship between population, poverty, education and the environment. It put human development at the center of attention as it represented a pivotal foundation for achieving comprehensive development.

Egypt has taken several steps in implementing the objectives and recommendations of the ICPD and the SDGs. In 2016, Egypt launched the "Egypt 2030" vision with the SDGs, particularly the reform program.

Egypt has also adopted several policies and programs that target the economic empowerment of women and their integration into the labor market. The World Bank estimates show a decline in the unemployment rate among females compared to previous years. In addition, Egypt continues to prioritize working to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, and as a result of these efforts, Egypt ranked fourth in the Middle East and North Africa in the Global Report on the Gender Gap for 2021.

Furthermore, data on school enrollment in all levels of pre-university education

with safe sewage networks, clean drinking water and safe housing, as ensuring access to basic services in all regions of the country will enhance societal stability, thus creating an encouraging environment to improving demographic characteristics.

Distinguished delegates,

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, our efforts to avail social protection programs have expanded, especially for the economically affected groups. The government also provided grants for informal employment and despite the challenges that faced the Egyptian economy due to the pandemic, Egypt still achieved a positive growth rate.

Esteemed delegates,

Egypt is gifted with a young society, with 34.2% of the population under the age of 15, and 61% under the age of 30. Therefore, investing in youth represents an immense importance for the future of Egypt, and as such, the Government of Egypt has been committed to enhancing the provision of basic services to youth, particularly in education and training, in order to ensure their engagement in efforts towards achieving comprehensive development and sustained economic growth. In 2021, Egypt launched its National Human Rights Strategy, which draws an integrated plan to advance the human rights of all Egyptian citizens. It contains detailed actions on advancing civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights and empowering women, children, persons with disabilities, the youth and the elderly.

In conclusion,