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Assessing the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development during the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development

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Nigeria's status of progress may not reflect realities at this time due to the postponement in the conduct of the anticipated Population and Housing Census and the yet to be r.t

Forty-three percent of the females get married by age 18; while 23 percent of teenagers (age 15-19 years) are already experiencing motherhood. Preventable maternal death is still one of the highest in the world – declined from 545/100,000 live births in 2008 to 512/100,000 live births in 2018.

Nigeria has made improvements in antenatal care (ANC) that meets the WHO recommendation (4+ visits) from 47% in 2003 to 57% in 2018; while 43% of births were delivered by skilled birth attendants (2018 NDHS) compared to 38% in 2013. Under5 mortality reduced from 201/1,000 Live Births in 2003 to 132/1,000 Live Births in 2018. However, 37% of our Under5 are stunted currently due to malnutrition. The main challenge associated with not meeting anticipated milestones is low investments in health and education.

Chair,

Overall, Nigeria's performance on the assessment is "*Behind Schedule*" for most of the thematic areas of the PoA, due to disruptions by the COVID-19 pandemic, incessant challenges of insecurity, leading to sustained humanitarian crisis, high debt burden and high rates of debt servicing.

Chair,

In order to fast-track progress towards accelerating efforts to improve our performance regarding the ICPD PoA, Nigeria has carried out several actions in terms of policies and intervention including among others:

- i. Revised its National Populati

Chair

To accelerate progress and consolidate on the gains attained with the implementation of the PoA of the ICPD, in the Post ICPD30 PoA agenda!! include:

- i. Accelerate investments in health, environment, and humanitarian interventions;
- ii. Fully integrate of population dynamics into national development interventions and foster implementation through the National Policy on Population and the National Health Policy;
- iii. Address the challenges and take advantage of urbanization;
- iv. Implement education for All, particularly for girls up to tertiary level;
- v. Address Gender Equality, Equity and Empowerment of Women including issues of multi-dimensional poverty and gender-based violence, and harmful practices such as female genital mutilation and child marriage;
- vi. Scale up interventions about the Reproductive Health of Adolescents, Young People and Women, specially to accelerate Family Planning practices to enable Nigeria to achieve zero unmet need for family planning and maternal death by 2030;
- vii. Accelerate harnessing the Demographic Dividend – develop improve practices/actions/interventions and

innovative investments *focused on young people* in three key aspects; health, education and training/skills acquisition and creation of decent jobs to accelerate opportunities to alter our prevailing age-structure;

viii.

- xi Adopt strategies for effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Post ICPD30 PoA targets through generating quality, reliable, timely and well disaggregated demographic data and prompt researches;
- xii Sustain the spirit of multilateralism as the best alternative for realizing commitments regarding the ICPD PoA and its unfinished agenda and the 2030 agenda.

Chair and distinguished delegates,

As I conclude, Nigeria expresses its profound gratitude to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for the sustained partnership in the implementation of the ICPD PoA over the three decades and we look forward to furthering the partnership - *"to transform the lives of our people for the emergence of a healthy and quality population for a peaceful and prosperous nation"*.

I thank you.