

50th Session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development  
Statement by Denmark, 4 April 2017  
Statement by Ambassador Ib Petersen  
Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations

is critical. Far too many women and teenage girls die from unsafe abortion, very often from unwanted pregnancies.

This [redacted] rightfully draws our attention to the pertinent theme of changing age structures and sustainable development. We regret, however, that only few of the important evidence-based inputs from the [redacted] E/CN.9/2017/3 found their way to become reflected in the zero-draft.

Building on the evidence found in this [redacted], it will be crucial to comprehend the global population trends and consequently turn the perspective away from seeing only challenges towards creating opportunities and using these in terms of meeting the SDGs. This will require sound investments in a broad range of social and economic public policies that - in a human rights based manner - ensure, amongst other things, universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, education, especially for girls, and employment opportunities in order to make sure that the demographic dividend will indeed be reaped.

Such investments will - in the countries, where this is relevant - enable the utilisation of the positive effect, which



As a contribution Denmark will maintain its long-standing, politically broad tradition of fulfilling the  
should reach minimum 0.7 percent of the gross national income allocated to development assistance. As one of very few countries in the world, Denmark has done so since 1978, and we will continue to do so.

Thank you for your attention!