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**Madam Chair,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a statement on behalf of Partners in Population and Development (PPD).

PPD, an intergovernmental organization, was launched at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). This was the coming together of ten developing countries from Asia, Africa and Latin America to help implement the ICPD Program of Action (POA), specifically for the purpose of expanding and improving [South-to-South collaboration](#) in the fields of reproductive health, population, and development.

Today, PPD, as many of you are aware of, is an intergovernmental organization of 26 developing countries, accounting for close to seventy percent of the developing countries population.

PPD continues to be dedicated to the promotion and strengthening of [South-South cooperation](#) in reproductive health, family planning, and issues related to population policies and dynamics including ageing.

Through advocacy, policy dialogues, exchange of information and experience, capacity building, training and technical cooperation, PPD partners with both its members and other countries in implementing the ICPD Programme of Action,

PPD welcomes the theme „Changing population age structures and sustainable development of the fiftieth session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD). National policy makers across countries have traditionally confronted a

Within PPD member countries a demographic transition is taking place and the countries are at varying stages in experiencing declining fertility and mortality rates. In this context, the relationship between population change, changing age structure and policy choices is

births, in addition to significant social and economic returns. Family planning programs allow girls to stay in school, pursue their dreams and have control over their bodies even when they have children.

It is important to reiterate that the „changing age structure is a central element in the implementation of „Program of Action (PoA) of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). It underlines the importance of individual life changes that evolve over the course of demographic transitions.

Major changes in age structure have been discerned in countries around the world during the period of Millenium Development Goals (2000–2015) including a steady increase in the median age. According to UN official projections, the differences in age stru

This consensus document recommitted all PPD member countries to collectively support and strengthen the national, regional and global efforts to fast-track population and development priority actions in the context of achieving the sustainable development goals.

The member countries more specifically expressed their commitment to accord greater importance to advancing population dynamics including demographic transition and age structure, and mainstreaming them into national development plans.

Recognizing that population dynamics is central to all development action, the Declaration urged the governments to capture the subtle and complex interdependence of population dynamics vis-à-vis health, education and access to social amenities, in their planning endeavors.

Madam Chair,

In concluding, PPD emphasizes that further implementation of the ICPD Program of Action (PoA) requires a revitalized global partnership that incorporates all relevant stakeholders at the national, regional and global levels.

It is disheartening to note that some of the critical development partners are shying away from their global responsibilities. Particularly, defunding UNFPA, the primary custodian of ICPD.

Hope global South to South Partnership may fill in some of this void through greater partnership and sharing of technical expertise and resources.

As part of this approach and in line with the positive experiences across many developing countries, PPD is committed to advocate and support experiences in South-South cooperation in population and reproductive health that have proven to be effective.

Thank you for your attention.