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Canada would like to join others in indicating our appreciation to you Madam Chair, the vice chairs,

Commission. The constructive and positive engagement by all delegations clearly demonstrated how committed we all are to the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action, the emerging and evolving population issues that the World is facing, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This session and its decision have clearly reaffirmed the importance of strengthening the demographic evidence base so that no-one is left behind.

My delegation wishes to reiterate the importance of human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, including achieving universal sexual and reproductive health and rights. We see these as critical in achieving the goals and targets of the SDGs. The full and active engagement of youth and civil society learly