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Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

Through the five core sources of demographic data: population censuses; population registration; civil registration and vital statistics; household surveys, as well as health and demographic surveillance” it is

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shown that it is “crucial to foster and strengthen initiatives to compile, harmonize, consolidate, disseminate and analyze the data” to achieve the transformation we desire. To put it quite simply: without knowing where you are as a country, you wouldn’t know how to start; without knowing how changes affect the lives of people, you wouldn’t know whether changes have their desired effects.

Madam Chair,

The Maldives conducted its latest census in 2014 focusing on five key areas: population and households; migration; education; employment; and nuptiality and fertility. This census provided us with essential information on the progress we have made between 2006 year of the previous recorded census and

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necessarily used or even relevant. Small Island Developing States experience difficulties and is at a disadvantage regarding standardized approaches of demographic data collection due to the limited capacities, and disproportionate costs associated with collecting statistics in our countries. Our systems are unable to cope with emerging internal and external demands for relevant, reliable and timely statistics for policy making, development planning and project or program evaluation.

In this context, a key requirement to move "from commitment to results" for the 2030 Agenda, is a strong commitment to building national capacities in data collection and analysis.

Financial and Technical assistance is needed to ensure the successful implementation of the tools which are required to be able to monitor the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.