Statement by
Her Excellency Ismat lahan Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN at the 42nd session of the Commission on Population and Development under agenda item #3 {contribution of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development to the internationally agreed development goals, including MDGs. Conference Room 4, 10:00am - 1:00pm, New York, 30 March 2009

Madam Chairperson,

Bangladesh delegation most warmly appreciates you and other members of the bureau upon your well-deserved elections. We believe your stewardship would lead to an effective conclusion of this session. We thank the Secretariat for its comprehensive documentation. Bangladesh associates with the statement of Sudan on behalf of the G77 and China.

The Programme of Action (PoA) of the ICPD provides a comprehensive set of objectives and recommendations to promote sustained economic growth, sustainable development and the well-being of the population. The PoA contains a number of important qualitative and quantitative goals that are mutually supportive for population and development. These objectives and goals include among others, education, especially for girls; gender equity and equality; infant, child and maternal mortality reduction; and the provision of universal access to reproductive health services, including family planning and sexual health. The full implementation of the Programme of Action of the ICPD can make a significant contribution to the acllievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs.

Rapid population growth is associated with a number of social and economic impacts. It entape

Since the !CPD, health-care costs have increased significantly. As a result, the Conference targets are not sufficient to meet the current needs. This calls for a review and update of the resource requirements to finance population and reproductive health programmes