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## STATEMENT

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Realizing the future we want Ì integrating population issues into sustainable development, including in the post Ì 2015 development agenda

**Chairperson,**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

On behalf of the Zambian delegation, I wish to congratulate you and the other support.

Zambia associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and Niger on behalf of the African Group.

My delegation acknowledges and thanks the Secretary General for the comprehensive reports under this agenda item, which has provided greater insights into the subject matter and serves as a very useful document to further guide discussions during the session. Zambia particularly applauds emphasis on streamlining efforts to improve the quality of life of the present generation in a broader and inclusive manner without compromising on the ability of future generations

rates are high though slowly declining. This trend has resulted into a rapidly growing and youthful population with about 45 per cent being below the age of 15. The focus therefore, is to design appropriate policies to harness this youthful population dividend so as to help spur the desired developmental outcomes. It is therefore critical that the post 2015 development agenda encompasses appropriate measures sufficient to yield and harness demographic dividend. The Post 2015 DA should endeavor to have investments in quality education, family planning and universal access to quality health services as interventions positive demographic dividend outcomes.

Zambia undertook a demographic dividend study whose results will help inform successful national development plans. Given our population outlook, the strategic focus is to reduce the prevailing high fertility and mortality rates so as to graduate the youthful and dependent population into a productive one, whilst putting in place economic policies that will avail opportunities for the anticipated productive population to exploit by matching skills supply to labour market demands for the youth, women and men.

### **Chairperson**

Zambia intends to build on the already existing momentum of sustained economic growth of above 6.1 percent over the last decade, as part of its strength and opportunity to address challenges that hampered the attainment of some of its Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). -2015 development agenda will therefore, prioritize a harmonious balance between social development, inclusive economic development and environmental sustainability; taking into consideration their interdependent relationship with

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Zambia like many other countries has made tremendous progress in bringing down the maternal mortality ratios, albeit significantly high. Both maternal and child mort

I thank you.