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Strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 Development agenda

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Thank you Chair,

India associates itself with the statement made by the Republic of Thailand on behalf of the Group of 77.

The 2030 Agenda and SDGs adopted by all us last September represent a very broad and comprehensive template of development. In their scope and detail the SDGs require a very ambitious set of policy interventions. With the integration of three dimensions, and the principle of indivisibility, the 2030 Agenda also presents us unprecedented challenges for

basic services, rapid and inclusive growth and protection of environment are the cornerstones of India's development policies.

India represents one sixth of humanity. While the country is making remarkable strides across development indicators, significant challenges of considerable scale remain. India has had a

long tradition of demographic data collection in the form of a cost effective and robust decennial census that incorporates dynamic inputs and informs and shapes its policies across sectors.

In line with Prime Minister Modi's vision to utilise advanced technology both digital and biometric, to strengthen our demographic evidence base, India has recently

billion mark in the building the largest online digital identity platform in the world. This covers