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General debate on national experience in population matters:

demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda

Statement by H.E. Mr. Lennarth Hielmåker, Ambassador for Global Health

The lack of sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and girls has enormous

negative consequences for the individuals affected, their families and children.

social and economic development of the societies they live in.

Madame Chair,

After our historic agreement last year, commitments should turn into action. The implementation of the 2030 Agenda is a Swedish top priority and we are fully committed to

engage with other member states and stake holders to ensure its full and effective implementation, nationally as well as internationally.

Regular collection and analysis of population data and demographic data-based on human

against which we can measure the success of the policies we develop and implement, and has helped us to develop policies and politics that really matter.

One example is the publication "Women and Men in Sweden, Facts and Figures", in which the national statistical office in Sweden, since 1984, has regularly been reporting on the status of gender equality in Sweden. The booklet contains easily accessible statistics in a number of areas: population, health, education, time use, care, gainful employment, wages/salaries, income, violence and crime; influence and power, and is widely used by policy makers and civil society. The booklet is an example of how population statistics

combined with a strong user perspective, can make visible injustice and in a transparent way informs policymakers and the general public on gender issues. A number of other countries have started producing a similar booklet modelled on the Swedish original.

Sweden is actively supporting the collection of population data for sustainable development