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Thank you, Chair,

The extent to which we as a world community succeeds in dealing with the challenges related to changing age structures is of utmost importance for reaching the objectives we have set ourselves in the 2030 Agenda. The background papers for this year's session provide us with important assessments and valuable recommendations in this regard.

The reports convincingly lay out the rationale for countries with high fertility to adopt

Secondly, investments in young people's education and health may increase a society's ability to attain the demographic dividend, as well as building a strong generation that may remain healthy and productive for a long time – thus curbing long term ageing challenges. Productive, decent and sustainable jobs are also crucial in order to harvest demographic dividends and curb future ageing challenges.

Since women usually outlive men, most elderly people are women hence a gender perspective is important to secure a safe old age. We also need to address the strain that particularly women may experience if they are expected to perform productive work, take

Furthermore, we still think there are some gaps in the normative framework, which we should try to correct. Specifically, the absence of any explicit reference to sexual rights in the Cairo document seems to us unfinished business. We propose to make good on this omission in this 50th session of the CPD.

To conclude, I would like to propose that we discuss this issue in this 50th session of the CPD.