



## Statement By

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persons. Moreover, we consider that the issues cannot be resolved by countries in isolation, and that coordination and joint initiatives are needed.

In sum, the core policy challenge focuses on enabling families and individuals to access new opportunities and exercise choices, allowing the economy to fully realise demographic dividends, while also managing the frictions and threats of rapid population changes. To address these changes requires a strategic approach, informed by evidence built on strengthened national population data systems.

Mr. Chairman. "K" tgkvgtcvg" Ec o dqfkcøu deep commitment to these issues, built on the recognition that our populations are *both the means and the ends of development*.

I thank you for your attention.