

**STATEMENT BY**

**MINISTER OF CIVIL AFFAIRS  
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

**ON**

**NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN MEETING THE GOALS AND  
OBJECTIVES RELATED TO POPULATION DEVELOPMENT  
AND EDUCATION IN THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION OF  
THE ICPD**

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approach, by addressing harmful gender stereotypes to limit women's opportunities, by encouraging men to take a more active role in fatherhood and care responsibilities, by improving normative framework and working more closely with the private sector to have more family friendly policies in place.

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**Madam Chair**, Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the support of the UNFPA, has taken some steps in this direction, among others, on strengthening the capital of the female population through life-long learning, unlocking the youth potential, sharing unpaid care work and activation of women to join the labour market.

We recognise that for activation and employment in the labour market, the world needs to reduce three barriers for women by providing:

- a) public child care and care for older family members so that women have time to strengthen their capital and build their careers,
- b) free of charge life-long learning aligned with the needs of the labour market, and
- c) equal pay with men.

In response to the **significant youth emigration**, Bosnia and Herzegovina is committed to implementing and reinforcing comprehensive youth strategies that establish the essential conditions and supportive environments needed (0-76)-30-16)-30-16)-30

We pledge to achieve demographic resilience in the world of fast demographic changes.

We are also committed to develop evidence-based population policies, including youth strategies that will enable individuals and families to achieve their desired TB) 140f-50