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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

I am pleased to introduce the Report of the Secretary-General on *The Flow of Financial Resources for Assisting in the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development* (E/CN.9/2008/5). The document responds to a request by the Commission on Population and Development (E/1995/27) for an annual report on financial flows to assist the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action.

Mr. Chairman, as you know, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has been given the lead role in monitoring progress towards achieving ICPD goals in the area of resource

Mr. Chairman, we cannot be complacent about reaching the targets if the targets no longer meet our needs. The consequences of resource shortfalls include significant increases in unintended pregnancies, abortions, maternal morbidity and mortality, infant and child mortality, as well as AIDS-related morbidity and mortality. Maternal mortality continues to remain unacceptably high in many parts of the world. Many people do not have access to family planning and reproductive health services they want and need. We should make sure that sufficient resources are mobilized to meet the unmet needs, especially among the poorest populations, for good quality, affordable and accessible family planning, reproductive health, and STD/HIV/AIDS services, including prevention.

The increase in resource mobilization is due in large part to increases in funding for HIV/AIDS. We need a substantial amount of money to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. But it is also important to mobilize adequate resources for the other equally critical components of the ICPD population package, especially for family planning and reproductive health. If the trend towards decreased funding for family planning is not reversed, it will affect progress in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

It is important for both donors and developing countries to increase efforts to mobilize additional resources. Developing countries need to increase their national budgets for population and substantial donor assistance is essential for the least developed countries to achieve the ICPD goals. The lack of adequate funding remains the chief constraint to full implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action for many developing countries that cannot mobilize sufficient resources to fund much-needed population and AIDS programmes.

Mr. Chairman, the increased levels of funding for population shows renewed commitment on the part of both donor and developing countries to achieve the ICPD goals. We encourage all donor countries, international agencies, and developing countries to continue this increasing trend to ensure that adequate resources are mobilized to meet today's growing needs.

Thank you.