

Thank you Madam chair person

On behalf of The Arab group we convey our full appreciation for all the serious efforts that you, the co-facilitators and your team invested to make sure of the success of 50<sup>th</sup> session of the commission on population and development.

The Arab group will always remember this session as a session where all efforts have at least led to the recognition that the Arab group has worked tirelessly to reach a consensus text.

Also, the Arab group offered out their hand during the negotiations. We have, as always, undertaken to build bridges, but we are confronted with iron walls, thus implying an impossibility of mutual recognition and even less reciprocal understanding in order to have a robust consensus.

It was for that reason that the Arab group strongly regrets the absence of a text by the Committee for this year. However we again highly commend your leadership and efforts.

Thank you