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Mr. President,

The Chinese delegation welcomes Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's report on the Framework of Actions for the Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Beyond 2014.

In the view of the Chinese government, the issue of population is ultimately a development issue. Since ICPD, the Chinese government, based on its national conditions, has taken a comprehensive approach in addressing the issues of the quantity, quality, structure and distribution of the population. We have implemented family planning programme which effectively slowed down the excessively fast population growth. As a result, economic and social development has been advanced, and people's lives have shown remarkable improvement. The life expectancy of the

Chinese people has be raised from 69 in the beginning of the 1990s to the current 75, and we have realized ahead of schedule the MDG target on under-five mortality.

Compared with 20 years ago, China's population and economic and social development have undergone tremendous changes and the relations between economic and social development and the population factor have become ever closer. In view of this, the Chinese government will continue to implement the spirit and principles of the ICPD Programme of Action, acquire a deep understanding of the situation, dynamics and characteristics of our current population development, and maintain an comprehensive approach in decision-making on population and development. We will give full play to the role of various sectors of the society, especially social organizations. We will continue to follow our basic national policy of family planning, gradually adjust and improve the fertility policy with a view to turning the pressure of a large population into human capital dividends. We will speed up the drive towards equitable access to basic public services by migrants, enhance the capacity of families for development, improve our social security system, actively respond to the ageing of our population, and create an enabling population environment for the long-term balanced development of our population and for building a society which is relatively well-off.

As we speak, the Ebola outbreak in West Africa is endangering people's health. The Chinese government has dispatched 174 medical workers altogether to support and take part in efforts to control the spread of the epidemic and there are still 92 Chinese medical workers on the ground right now. Till September 13, my government has provided to African countries 234 million RMB in assistance to help them respond to the Ebola outbreak. The Chinese government and people will continue to assist countries in West Africa in their fight against the Ebola epidemic.

Mr. President,

To effectively implement the follow-up to the ICPD Programme of Action beyond 2014, I would like to put forward the following proposals:

First, we should further review the emerging problems and new challenges in the area of population and development, and study in-depth the relations between population and sustainable development.

Secondly, we should continue to uphold the goals and principles of the Programme of Action, and incorporate the issue of population in the overall plan for economic and social development.

Thirdly, we should keep increasing input in reproductive health and family planning, and enable everyone to have access to reproductive health and family planning services.

Fourthly, we should work together to include the issue of population in the post-2015 development agenda, and provide more support to developing countries.

Mr. President,

The Chinese government will, as always, promote international exchange and cooperation in the area of population and development, including South-South cooperation, and make further and greater contributions to the building of our common home and the realization of the future we want.

Thank you, Mr. President.