Indonesia’s Intervention for Item 3
Thematic discussion on achievements, challenges, gaps and emerging issues in the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, as well as of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation in Asia and the Pacific

c) Inequalities and social exclusion, and rights
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Thank you Chair,

1. Indonesia reaffirms its support on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the ICPD and the 2013 Asian Pacific Ministerial Declaration in the efforts to achieve SDG’s 2030.

2. In line with spirit of ICPD PoA adopted by consensus in Cairo on 1994, We are of the view that the document remains relevant and had paved our way in transforming policies on population and development.

3. In this everchanging world, Indonesia continues to implement the PoA in particular on the issue of reproductive health, family planning as well as empowerment of women. Nevertheless, various challenges still persist that could hamper the achievement of ICPD PoA and SDGs.

Chair,

4. Allow me to share three points;

5. **First**, the role of women as agents in development, and promotion of rights of women as well as their welfare remains priority.

6. Our National Development Plan has put women as one of the main actors on the development. Several laws and regulations are also issued in ensuring the protection of women from violence.
7. **Second**, Indonesia continues its efforts in reducing maternal mortality rate (MMR) and improving access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services across the country.

8. Through pre-service and in-service training Indonesia has also increased the number of general practitioners, specialists, midwives, and paramedics with enhanced medical skills. MMR continues to drop from 346 per 100,000 in 2010 to 183 in 2022.

9. **Third**, the areas of family planning have also been strengthened.

10. The capacity of family planning field workers to provide information, education, communication and maintain participation in family planning has been increased through the years.

Chair,

11. I would like to remind that the implementation and follow up, including the review of progress, of the ICPD PoA should also reflect this spirit of consensus and its entirety must not go beyond what has been mandated by the Programme of Action.

12. I believe in its seventh iteration, the APPC will produce such fruitful outcome that is consensus, respect different values of member countries and the utmost important, action oriented.


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Thank you.
The Indonesian delegation would like to convey its appreciation to the Chair for his leadership in the adoption of this draft declaration. The delegation would also like to convey the cooperative spirit of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and its full support for the implementation of the declaration in line with its national priorities.

Recalling the agreed language of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, Indonesia would like to once again reaffirm its position that the declaration should, without any hesitation, use the agreed language that has been adopted within the United Nations, in particular within the framework of the International Conference on Population and Development. For example, the declaration should employ the exact wording “sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights”, as has been agreed upon in the outcome documents of the regular sessions of the Commission on Population and Development.

Indonesia is also of the view that youth is a crucial and valuable asset for the development of the nation within the global community. Indonesia intends to work to overcome differences among member States on various issues that may distract their efforts to implement national domestic laws and development programmes in accordance with their priorities, particularly on the issues of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights and adolescents and young people as addressed in the outcome document of this Conference.

We would like to reaffirm our support to the prospect to empower youth in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and in the formulation of the development agenda beyond 2015.

Indonesia once again emphasizes that the text of the declaration must be consistent with the agreed language of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and that its content in its entirety must not go beyond what has been mandated by the Programme of Action.

In this regard, Indonesia considers that the words “sexual and reproductive health (and rights)” must be understood as “sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights”, in order to be consistent with what was agreed in the Programme of Action and the outcome documents of the Commission on Population and Development.

Furthermore, Indonesia expresses strong objection to the insertion of the words “sexual orientation and gender identity” reflected in any part of the declaration in its entirety.

In detail, Indonesia’s reservations to the adopted declaration are as follows:

a) In “Contents”, section III, heading C, should be replaced with “Sexual and reproductive health, services and reproductive rights”;

b) Paragraph 8 should be deleted;

c) In paragraph 26, “sexual and reproductive health and rights” should be replaced with “sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights”;

d) In paragraph 76, “Recognize that sexual and reproductive rights” should be replaced with “Recognize that reproductive rights embrace certain”;
e) In paragraph 80, second line, “including their sexual and reproductive rights” should be replaced with “including their reproductive rights”;

f) In paragraph 84, third line, “status and sexual orientation and gender identity, or other status” should be replaced with “status, or other status”;

g) Under “Priority actions”, heading C should read “Sexual and reproductive health and services and reproductive rights”;

h) In paragraph 145, first line, “Respect the sexual and reproductive health and rights of” should be replaced with “Respect the sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights of”.

* Annexes to the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development