Agenda 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

Roundtable A: Population dynamics, sustainable development and climate change

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As the Philippines improves its potential to accelerate its economic development while undergoing demographic transition resulting to increasing proportion of the working age population, our effort to pursue sustainable development depends on our capacity to effectively mitigate and recover from the impact of climate change. Within the global cooperative framework in addressing climate change, the Philippines continues to improve its policy and strategic environment in dealing with this environmental phenomenon. We have in place our Climate Change Act which has operationalized the national and local adaptation plans. This is supported by the provision of the people's survival fund for the financing of the initiatives and mechanisms to prevent and mitigate the impact of natural disasters and climate change in our communities. We are likewise improving our capacity to improve data and information that can be used for risk assessment and in mitigation relief and recovery measures. Measures and strategies to address the impact of climate change is likewise a priority agenda of our Philippine Development Plan.

More recently, the Commission on Population and Development in the Philippines has developed the Philippine Population and Development Plan of Action for 2023-2028, which includes among others, addressing the interrelated concern of population movement and other demographic processes in the context of climate change.

In view of this, the Philippines continues to commit its cooperation in addressing the global phenomenon of climate change through more evidence-based and people-centered initiatives.

Thank you Mr. Moderator.