Viet Nam’s National Statement in the 7thAPPC
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Honorable chair,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, I would like to express our strong support to 7thAPPC’s statement which advances ICPD principles within the context of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Over the past 20 years, Viet Nam has taken innovative approaches to tackle inequalities and to bridge disparities in socio-economic status between regions and population groups. Viet Nam has also reached the 100 million population milestone, indicating that citizens are living longer, healthier lives and our maternal mortality ratio has decreased by 46 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2020 or decreased over 70% over 20 years. This gives us much to celebrate when reviewing our ICPD progress.

Viet Nam is also proactively responding to emerging issues such as population aging and our largest ever cohort of young people, as well as the threat of climate change, that many of us face, to ensure that no one is left behind. The progress in achieving the three transformative results on maternal mortality, unmet need for family planning and ending gender-based violence in Vietnam has substantially contributed to the country’s rapid development. We are currently implementing the socio-economic development strategies for the period 2021-2030 to achieve national targets on SDGs as well as looking beyond to the post-2030 agenda.

At this 7thAPPC, I reconfirm our supports on three transformative results. In particularly, with the financial and technical supports from international communities, we will take affirmative measures to:

1. Mobilise the national and sub-national budget as well as other resources from development partners and the private sector to ensure sufficient financing for sexual and reproductive health and other ICPD priorities.
2. Integrate a comprehensive package of SRHR interventions into national Universal Health Coverage strategies, policies, and programmes with high priorities for vulnerable populations, persons with disabilities, and those affected by the impacts of climate change and in humanitarian settings.
3. Ensure that young people have access to age-appropriate information and services including comprehensive sexuality education, with high priorities for vulnerable adolescents and youths.
4. End child marriages, sexual and gender-based violence, gender-biased sex selection and all forms of discrimination against women, girls and minoritised groups.
5. Best utilize the opportunities of the demographic dividend and effectively respond to and prepare for Viet Nam’s population aging process, taking full account of demographic analysis and population dynamics; and lastly
6. To make the provision of quality data and its analysis a priority for achieving sustainable development, and to support global efforts to counter the polarisation of this important agenda to ensure we leave no one behind.

The government of Viet Nam will continue to fully engage with the UN system, especially our partnerships with UNFPA to realize SDG targets in population and development, sexual and reproductive health, gender equality and youth development.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the organisers of the 7thAPPC to continue to build on the momentum of what we all agreed in Cairo 29 years ago. Thank you.