In the name of God most Gracious, most Merciful

Statement of Islamic Republic of Iran
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The Islamic Republic of Iran emphasize on resilient development agenda in order to secure in various areas of concern including employment, health, education, population growth, aging, urbanization, family protection, empowerment of women and girls, and protection of persons with vulnerability.

Iran has made considerable progress on indicators framework for implementation of prorammie action of ICPD such as reduction of maternal mortality, vaccination coverage, and births attended by skilled health personnel. The Government has redoubled its efforts with remarkable success to provide Iranians with universal health coverage. It is worth noting that sexual & reproductive health and HIV/ADIS health care services are free of charge for all Iranians particularly focusing on persons with vulnerable situations and those affected by HIV/AIDS.

As a result of sharp declining fertility over the last three decades, the working-age population of Iran has increased to 71 percent, offering the country a time-limited “demographic window of opportunity” and positioning it to harness its first and second demographic dividend. While life expectancy at birth reached 74 years old in 2016, the number and proportion of older persons is expected to continue increasing from 7.4 million to nearly 30 million in 2050. Thus, the Government explores to develop effective strategies to properly place these issues in national policies and plans inorder to achieve “demographic dividend”.

Iran has also had major achievements in empowering women’s in various areas, particularly in sectors relating to health, education and sanitation. However, a number of challenges still the Islamic Republic of Iran is persisting on the way to achieving population development goals, especially in areas relating to rapid ageing, environmental and disaster risks and
unemployment, which need to be appropriately responded through effective remedial measures.

We believe that the ICPD 1994 in Cairo is a milestone in enhancing the aptitude of the international community for integrating a people-centered approach into our shared effort for fostering sustainable development, in which no person and no countries should be left behind.

Corona-Virus pandemic draw Intertwine and interconnection of international community. We believe multilateralism in national, regional and international level can strengthen interdependence. The response to and recovery form COVID-19 requires global solidarity and international cooperation. Unilateral coercive measures which are contrary to the purpose and principles of the UN charter and international law, multilateralism and the basic norms of international relations. UCM have an undeniable impact on human rights, as they impede the full realization of social and economic development and hinder the well-being of population in the affected countries in particular women, children including adolescents, the elderly and persons with disabilities. UCM undermine the right to health, as they in cumber access to medicines and medical technologies, equipment, and supplies.

US economic and health terrorism has been targeting innocent Iranian civilians. Such illegitimate coercive measures have caused disruptions in access to medicines and medical supplies. They intentionally and indiscriminately target civilians, and are designed to undermine years of national achievements in population development efforts. Such Illegitimate coercive measure disrupt normal channels of international trade and cooperation, and hamper food security and access to healthcare services and pharmaceutical supplies. This is one of the most inhuman as parts of United States economic terrorism targeting the most vulnerable people in order to achieve political objections.

Notwithstanding all these challenges, Iran continues to cooperating with all countries for fostering sustainable development in the region and invite all national members to express solidarity on isolation and human happiness to short sighted interested in order to overcome this crisis.

Thank you