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Canada wo uld like to join others in indicating our appreciation to you Madam Chair,

the vice chairs, and the facilitator s for a successf ul outcome from this year’s

Commiss ion. The constructive and positive engagement by all delegations clearly

demonstrated how committed we all are to the implementation of the ICPD

Pro gramme of Action, the emerging and evolving population issues that the World is

facing, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Develo pment. This sess ion and its

decisi on have clearly reaffirme d the impor tance of strengthening the demographic

evidence base so tha t no -one is left behind.

My delegation wishes to reiterate the impor tance of human rights, gender equality

and the empow erment of wo men and girls , including achieving universal sexual and

repro ductive health and rights. We see these as critical in achieving the goals and

targets of the SDGs. The full and active engagement of youth and civil so ciety learly