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Nigeria aligns herself with the statements delivered by South Africa on

behalf of the G77 and China; and Niger on behalf of the African Group. We also welcome the theme of this Session – *“Realizing the Future We Want: Integrating Population Issues into Sustainable Development Including the Post-2015 Development Agenda”*. Nigeria is of the view that this session of the CPD should rightly address population and development in an integrated fashion, rather than isolating subjective matters like the so-called sexual and reproductive health and rights, fertility, sexuality and

other issues on which there is no consensus.

Instead, this session should concentrate more on discussion issues that

on population dynamics. It shows Africa's population growth as the fastest in the world with the highest concentration of countries with Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of five or more and a high dependency ratio. The population of

reproductive, productive and consumptive country in the world.

Rather than seeing this as a challenge or a problem, the Nigeria Government sees this as an opportunity for crating sound policies to address the population's development needs. In this regard, Nigeria passed the National Health Act of 2014, a "National Strategy on Integrated Maternal Newborn and Child Health (IMNCH)", and commenced the review of its *National Policy on Population for Sustainable Development (NPP)* to capture all relevant current and emerging population and development issues from the ICPD+20 and the Post-2015 proposed SDGs.

Our strategic priorities and critical success factors for the Post-2015

- Implement national strategies that focuses on economic empowerment to address extreme poverty and hunger;
- Build capacity of stakeholders to understand the premise of the ICPD+20 and Post-2015 development agenda;
- Provide for population in humanitarian need including Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs);
- Develop and sustain a social security system/continuum of care for the elderly especially ageing women; and
- ~~Promote the values of good governance that is transparent~~

~~sensitive, responsive and committed to addressing the yearnings of its~~

people.

Nigeria welcomes cooperation from all stakeholders through unconditional partnerships and global leadership of the United Nations to build her institutional capacity with innovative technology in data collection, analysis/disaggregation, dissemination, communication and management strategy for effective monitoring and evaluation of

funding mechanism/strategy for the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda especially for Africa.

Thank you.