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**48th Session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development
Agenda item 4: general debate on national experience in population matters:
realizing the future we want – integrating population issues into sustainable
development, including in the post-2015 development agenda**

Madam Chair,



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Population dynamics is inevitably linked to sustainable development. Continuing population growth, ageing, urbanization and migration constitute, against the background of persisting inequalities, important developmental challenges and opportunities for all three pillars of sustainable development. Population dynamics is a key cross cutting issue with implications for



empowering women. Maternal mortality percentages are dropping; more girls enrol in schools and complete their education; more women are involved in decisions – especially political ones; more women are working. Still, the progress is slow and uneven. Keeping the same pace is not good enough: it seems we will require further 80 years to reach full equality if we maintain this current pace. We can do better and we must!

In conclusion, Madame Chair, Romania considers the development challenges we face require systematic participation of all stakeholders in crafting responses. We are confident that these responses can be implemented within a framework of partnerships and