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## Statement

on behalf of the

Federal Republic of Germany

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of the

Commission on Population and Development

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Programme implementation and future progress of work of the

Mr. Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

~~Ladies and gentlemen~~

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to congratulate the Population Division for its commendable work. The division's two reports on "*World demographic trends*" and "*Programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population 2017*" are major contributions to understanding the nexus between population and development. The reports highlight the division's impressive work in

Data collection is never an end in itself, and Germany believes strongly in having accurate, timely and comprehensive data for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Improvements in censuses and household surveys are of paramount interest for evidence-based

polycymaking on sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration. Next to these official data sources, Germany recently increased its support for making methodological progress on population research as well as expanding necessary research infrastructures for analyzing the links between internal and international migration, human mobility and urbanization in the national context. We are committed to working together with the UN Population Division, UNFPA, Member States and interested partners to promote and advance the collection and use of demographic data for evidence-based policy-making.

Let me conclude by renewing our support to the Commission for Population and Development. It is our firm belief that the commission has