

**CPD 2018 SESSION ON “SUSTAINABLE CITIES, HUMAN MOBILITY AND
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION”
STATEMENT BY TURKEY**

Mr. President,
Distinguished Delegates,

As highlighted by the Secretary General in his report on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the ICPD, migration is a key feature of the globalized twenty-first century, and human mobility is a cornerstone of inclusive and sustainable development.

Back in 1994, the ICPD brought together different views on population and development, and managed to place human dignity and human rights at the heart of development. On the eve of the 25th anniversary of the ICPD, we are very well aware that investing in human rights and human dignity will contribute to the sustainable development.

This approach should be the overarching principle of our efforts as our world is going through development. While an ageing population is putting economic and demographic transition, most countries experience a large shift of population from rural areas to cities, as well as migration between urban areas.

measures to reach the target of enrolling every single Syrian child. The 2017-2018 Regional Refugee Resilience Plan also recognizes the important role of youth and adolescents in supporting families and contributing to their communities.

In order to address social and health service needs of women and girls, together with the UNFPA, we have established 41 women and girls' safe spaces (WGSS) in urban areas across Turkey. In 2018, this cooperation will expand by 35 social service centers that can reach over 1 million people, through providing psychosocial support, basic sexual and reproductive health services, legal advice and Turkish language lessons. Since 2015, hundreds of thousands Syrians received services through the safe spaces in Turkey.

These and many other good practices across the world can contribute to create the adequate environment where urbanization, sustainable development and international migration interact with each other. To this end, we can translate our endeavors into action with the ultimate priority that no one will be left behind and the furthest behind will be reached first.

Thank you.