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people in vulnerable situations, and further develop informed evidence-based policies at the national, regional and global levels, to implement the ICPD PoA.

We also believe that ensuring meaningful participation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in CPD is of utmost importance. We support the organization of dedicated CSOs events ahead of the session, as well as broader CSOs participation during the session, to ensure their meaningful contribution to the CPD outcomes.

In that regard, our preference is to have a consensus-based outcome but not at the expense of its content. Therefore, we believe that a voted outcome is a viable option, and would be in line with the rules of procedure of the ECOSOC and its functional commissions.

Finally, Mr. Chairperson,

It is imperative to keep the CPD alive for the reasons stated above, while coping with the world's emerging challenges. In this context, we support including new themes in the CPD agenda to ensure its continued relevance in light of new demographic trends, as well as making a stronger connection between regional and field perspectives and the global progress on the ICPD PoA.

Lebanon looks forward to the discussions and negotiations on population, food security, nutrition and sustainable development at the 54th session of this Commission, and will engage constructively towards a successful outcome.

Thank you.