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Mr. Chair,

Jamaica joins with other distinguished delegates in conveying its congratulations to you on the assumption of your Chairmanship of the 56th Session of the Commission on Population and Development. Please be assured of Jamaica's support for the successful outcome of this year's Commission.

Jamaica aligns with the statement delivered by the Republic of Cuba on behalf of the G77 and China.

The positive engagement by all delegations is a clear demonstration of the collective commitment to the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This session and its decision have clearly reaffirmed the importance of achieving sustainable development through the delivery of quality education to all girls and boys, taking into account the varying context of each country. This will require reaching children living in extreme poverty and in rural areas, children with disabilities, and children in vulnerable situations.

Jamaica wishes to reiterate the importance of achieving universal access to education and lifelong learning for all. We however, welcome more discussions and focus on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education and sustainable development. With the re-engagement of face-to-face learning following the COVID-19 pandemic, the mental health and psychosocial transition for both teachers and students require reconditioning and intermittent evaluation to eliminate violence and other disruptive episodes within learning institutions.

Mr. Chair,

While the Government of Jamaica has taken an array of preventive and responsive strategies and measures against the pandemic, more resources are required to measure the disruptive implications that have affected all productive sectors with health and education being particularly severe.

Jamaica believes that evidence is crucial for sound policy and programme decisions in order to make an impact in the lives of people and in particular the most vulnerable. The ICPD and the key actions for its further implementation provides guidance for member states to contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The thematic resolution provides a starting point for Member States to use data to advance the issues of importance to this Commission, this includes the need for member states to strengthen national statistical capacities to undertake evidence-based analysis and to increase investments in the collection, analysis and utilization of population-based data.

Mr. Chair,

In closing, Jamaica would like to acknowledge the collaborative efforts of all who contributed to the successful outcome of the 56th Session of the Commission on Population and Development and asks that this statement be reflected in the records of the meeting.

I thank you.