

Declaration on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development

We, the Ministers and representatives of Governments, gathered at the fifty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development, in New York, on the special occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development,¹ held in Cairo in 1994, in the context of the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as its contribution to the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council on empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality, to be held in July 2019, and to the high-level political forum under the auspices of the General Assembly to be held in September 2019,

1. *Reaffirm* the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation,² and the outcomes of its reviews, and note the outcome documents of the regional review conferences, stressing that the outcome documents of the regional review conferences provide region-specific guidance on population and development for each region that adopted the particular outcome documents;
2. *Welcome* the progress made thus far towards achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action and the Sustainable Development Goals, and stress that challenges and obstacles remain in the implementation of the Programme of Action and, in this regard, pledge to undertake further action to ensure its full and accelerated implementation;
3. *Emphasize* that the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation are essential to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
4. *Recognize* that the Programme of Action requires for its implementation adequate mobilization of resources at the national and international levels, as well as new and additional resources for developing countries from all available funding mechanisms, including multilateral, bilateral and private sources, and that Governments are not expected to meet the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action single-handedly;
5. *Encourage* Governments, international organizations, including those of the United Nations system, international financial institutions and other relevant stakeholders to assist developing countries in implementing the Programme of Action through technical assistance and capacity-building activities to accelerate the implementation of the Programme of Action;
6. *Emphasize* that the availability of, and access to, high-quality disaggregated data is essential for measuring progress toward and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;
7. *Call upon* the United Nations system, international and regional organizations and all sectors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to fully commit themselves and to intensify their contributions to the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

¹ Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

² See General Assembly resolution S-21/2, annex.