

## Oral Statement

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Distinguished Chair, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

*Noting* the theme of this year’s commission on “ICDP Programme of Action and its Contribution to Agenda 2030” the Doha International Family Institute, a global policy and advocacy research institute that works to advance knowledge on Arab families and promote evidence-based policies on national, regional, and international levels, underscores the implications of family-friendly policies on population and sustainable development.

*Stressing* that viewing current population trends from a family perspective and promoting an environment that allows all to reach their full potential are indispensable components of development efforts.

*Emphasizing* that “ICPD follows and builds upon other important ... international activities and its recommendations should be supportive of, consistent with, and based on the agreements reached at, [inter alia], ... The International Year of the Family, 1994.”

*Building* on this critical ICPD linkage, General Assembly Resolution 78/17 “takes note of the convening of the Doha conference to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, on the theme Family and contemporary megatrends, hosted by Qatar and organized by the Doha International Family Institute ...”

We welcome the United Nations Secretariat’s proposal to focus the preparations and celebrations for IYF+30 on the major trends related to ICPD, namely new technologies, climate change, urbanization, international migration and demographic change and their impact on families.

**We therefore call on governments, national and international organizations, academic and research institutions, donors, and the private sector to enhance the development and implementation of holistic family policies—from evaluation to implementation—that recognize the critical role of the family in society and its indispensable role in population and sustainable development.**

We thank you, Distinguished Chairman.