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Population and sustainable development, in particular sustained and inclusive economic growth

The Commission on Population and Development,

Reaffirming the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development¹ and the key actions for its further implementation,² the declaration on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development³ and previous resolutions of the Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling the outcomes of relevant United Nations high-level meetings, conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action⁴ and the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development,⁵

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030 ensuring that no one is left behind, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and

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 General Assembly resolution S-21/2, annex.

³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2019, Supplement No. 5 (E/2019/25)*, chap. I, sect. B.

⁴ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

⁵ *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6–12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.



dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Reaffirming also the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,⁶ the Paris Agreement⁷ adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,⁸ and the relevant UNFCCC and Paris Agreement decisions including the Glasgow Climate Pact, and the New Urban Agenda,⁹ the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,¹⁰ the political declaration of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage,¹¹ as well as major outcome documents in relation to countries in special situations,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights¹² and the obligations of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,¹³ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,¹⁴ the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,¹⁵ the Convention on the Rights of the Child,¹⁶ the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,¹⁷ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination¹⁸ and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,¹⁹

Deeply concerned that the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, owing to its severe disruptions to societies, economies, employment and working conditions, quality education, health systems, global trade, supply chains and travel, and agricultural, industrial and commercial systems, as well as its significant impact on food prices and the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, is exacerbating vulnerabilities and inequalities and has a devastating impact on sustainable development and humanitarian needs, including on poverty eradication, livelihoods, ending hunger and all forms of malnutrition, decent work for all, human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, eliminating all forms of violence, including sexual and gender-based violence, domestic violence and violence in digital contexts, food security and nutrition, access to health-care services, including sexual and reproductive health-care services, safe and affordable drinking water and adequate and equitable sanitation, including for menstrual health and hygiene management, environmentally sound chemical and waste management, especially for the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthest behind, in particular in developing countries, including countries in special situations and those facing specific challenges, which imposes greater challenges and demands extra efforts to achieve all Sustainable

⁶ General Assembly resolution [69/313](#), annex.

⁷ See [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21, annex.

⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

⁹ General Assembly resolution [71/256](#), annex.

¹⁰ General Assembly resolution [69/283](#), annex II.

¹¹ General Assembly resolution [74/2](#).

¹² General Assembly resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).

¹³ See General Assembly resolution [2200 A \(XXI\)](#), annex.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*

¹⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, vol. 660, No. 9464.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. 2220, No. 39481.

Development Goals, including eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions by 2030, and achieving sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth,

Expressing concern that climate change is already having disproportionate and adverse impacts on developing countries, local and marginalized communities and people in vulnerable situations, women and children, migrants and indigenous peoples, and their livelihoods,²⁰ ultimately impacting hundreds of millions of people, and reiterating the urgent need for action to end practices that negatively affect the environment, build resilience and scale up the provision of climate finance, technology transfer and capacity-building, especially for the poorest and those in vulnerable situations, by investing in and providing long-term and predictable financing for early warning systems and prevention and preparedness programmes, including disaster risk reduction, especially in adaptation and mitigation strategies, and enhancing joint risk assessments and risk management strategies to reduce the impact and cost of natural disasters and address the adverse impacts of climate change on sustained and inclusive economic growth, including for all women and children, youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, migrants, people of African descent, indigenous peoples and local and rural communities, and to ensure rapid and effective response to the adverse impacts of climate change, as well as disasters and related displacement appropriate to local and national needs,

Recalling the political declaration of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage, which reaffirmed the right of every human being, without distinction of any kind, to the enjoyment of highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, and recognized that universal health coverage is fundamental for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals related not only to health and well-being, but also, inter alia, to eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, ensuring access to inclusive and equitable quality education, achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, providing decent work and economic growth, reducing inequalities, ensuring just, peaceful and inclusive societies and to building and fostering partnerships,

Recognizing that full and productive employment and decent work for all without discrimination of any kind, accompanied by social protection systems and measures for all, equal pay for work of equal value, ending child labour in all its forms and eradicating forced labour, are among the key elements of sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth and ensuring an adequate standard of living and that facilitate the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals,

Recognizing also that all women and girls play a vital role as agents of change for development, acknowledging that achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and the elimination of all forms of violence and discrimination against them are crucial to the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and recognizing further that women and girls undertake a disproportionate share of unpaid care and domestic work and that women spend less time in paid work, and that this unequal distribution of unpaid care and domestic work contributes to greater time burdens on women throughout their life course and substantially limits their participation in the social, political and economic spheres and their economic empowerment and independence,

Acknowledging the importance of achieving sustainable patterns of consumption and production and that sustainable consumption and production practices, including through resource efficiency and sustainable economy policy approaches, can be cost-

²⁰ Based on Goal 13 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

efficient and effective ways to achieve economic development, reduce environmental impacts and advance human well-being,

Noting with great concern that the global goal of eradicating poverty by 2030 is slipping from our reach and that the multidimensional impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the situation, pushing more than 100 million people into extreme poverty since its outbreak, reversing decades of progress, and that more than 60 per cent of the world's employed population are still engaged in the informal economy, in which women are overrepresented, are often not protected by or able to exercise workers' rights, social protection and decent working conditions, and are at risk of abuse, harassment and exploitation,

Reaffirming that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge facing the world today, including in Africa, in least developed countries, in landlocked developing countries, in small island developing States and in some middle-income countries, as well as countries in conflict and post-conflict situations, and reaffirming also the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development,

Reaffirming also that international trade is an engine for inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction, and contributes to the promotion of sustainable development, and that national development efforts need to be supported by an enabling international economic environment, including coherent and mutually supporting world trade, monetary and financial systems,

Emphasizing that the role of entrepreneurship and micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises in social and economic development, including in driving inclusive economic growth, is more critical than ever in the post-COVID-19 recovery and beyond, and stressing the need for ensuring the normal functioning of open markets and global supply chain connectivity,

Acknowledging the need to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return and recovery as one of the sources of financing for development with a view to promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth,

Reaffirming the right to education, and recognizing the role of inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels and lifelong learning for sustainable development and sustained and inclusive economic growth, including remote learning, and that, despite progress towards universal primary and secondary education worldwide, all schooling has been severely disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly affecting children, especially girls, and youth, and those who are in vulnerable situations,

Recognizing that information and communications technologies present new opportunities and challenges and the pressing need to address the major impediments that developing countries face in accessing new technologies, stressing the need to address prevailing challenges to bridge the digital divides, both between and within countries and between women and men, and between girls and boys, including but not limited to those based on age and disability, and to harness information and communications technologies for development, and recalling the need to emphasize quality of access to bridge digital and knowledge divides, using a multidimensional and inclusive approach that includes digital literacy education, speed, stability, affordability, language, training, capacity-building, local content, safety and accessibility for persons with disabilities,

Emphasizing that population issues are interlinked with sustainable development at the subnational, national, regional and global levels, and reiterating

in this regard that the realization of a demographic dividend requires national policies and an international economic environment conducive to investment, decent work, sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic development and further integration and full participation of developing countries in the global economy,

Recognizing that adolescents and youth in all countries are key agents for change in the promotion of sustainable development, sustained and inclusive economic growth and technological innovation, and recognizing the need to increase the participation of youth in social change and give youth access to equitable opportunities to contribute to social change, including resources for youth-led community initiatives,

Acknowledging that the ageing of the population will continue to impact all aspects of society, including labour and financial markets, fiscal systems, the demand for goods and services, such as education, housing, health, long-term care, social protection, transport, information and communication, as well as intergenerational ties, underlining the importance of multisectoral action to healthy ageing, and recognizing further the importance of ensuring equal opportunity for older persons to fully and effectively enjoy their human rights and fully develop their human potential,

Recognizing that health, including mental health, is a precondition for economic and social development, and aware that sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights are central to the realization of social justice and to the achievement of global, regional and national commitments for sustainable development,

Expressing concern that, in spite of the progress made towards achieving the full implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, considerable gaps still exist in its implementation, and in that regard noting the voluntary commitments by Member States to further the implementation of the Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and encouraging further actions by Member States for their implementation in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development,

Stressing that reliable, timely, high-quality, accessible and disaggregated demographic data need to be a central focus of any effort to strengthen statistical systems for the review and follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development and for reviewing progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, and the importance of the collection, analysis and dissemination of high-quality, reliable and timely statistics and population data disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts for policy formulation by all countries, and noting in this regard the important contribution of population data in the upcoming assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development scheduled to be held in 2024,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on population and sustainable development, in particular sustained and inclusive economic growth,²¹ and the report of the Secretary-General on programmes and interventions for the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in the context of population and sustainable development, in particular sustained and inclusive economic growth;²²

²¹ E/CN.9/2022/2.

²² E/CN.9/2022/3.

2. *Reaffirms* the sovereign right of each country to implement the recommendations of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development or other proposals in the present resolution, consistent with national laws and development priorities, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its people, and in conformity with universally recognized international human rights;

3. *Also reaffirms* the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation and the outcomes of its reviews, and notes 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;

4. *Calls upon* Governments to take concrete measures towards the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation, as well as the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which are integrally linked to global efforts to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions, respect, protect and promote human rights, including the right to development, and fundamental freedoms, reduce inequalities within and among countries, and achieve sustainable development, and stresses that population dynamics are all important for development, including for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development²³ and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development;

5. *Recognizes* that sustainable, inclusive, sustained and equitable economic growth, including sustainable industrialization, is essential for eradicating poverty and hunger, in particular in developing countries, and for combating inequality within and among countries, and stresses that national efforts in this regard should be complemented by an enabling international environment and by ensuring greater coherence among macroeconomic and social policies at all levels;

6. *Also recognizes* that unsustainable patterns of consumption and production are key drivers of natural resource depletion, climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution and malnutrition, and therefore recommits to making fundamental changes in the way that societies produce and consume goods and services, including through resource efficiency and sustainable economic policy approaches and promoting more resilient and sustainable lifestyles, including lifestyles in harmony with nature, and urges the international community to continue to support developing countries in strengthening their scientific and technological capacity to move towards more sustainable patterns of consumption and production;

7. *Reaffirms* that intergenerational solidarity is a fundamental component for the achievement of an inclusive and just society for all ages, including youth and older persons, that solidarity is also a major prerequisite for social cohesion and a foundation of formal and informal welfare and care systems and that changing demographic, social and economic circumstances may require the adjustment of pension, social security, health and long-term care systems, including to ensure that they are gender-responsive and age-sensitive, and in this respect encourages Member States to adopt effective means to reduce poverty and the intergenerational transfer of poverty through social protection measures, such as old-age pensions, cash transfers, housing assistance, child benefits and tax breaks;

8. *Emphasizes* the need to foster healthy ageing worldwide, in particular to change how we think, feel and act towards age and ageing, ensure that communities

²³ General Assembly resolution [70/1](#).

foster the abilities of older persons, promote health by implementing policy measures, including raising awareness about healthy lifestyles and health literacy and promoting occupational safety and health over the life course, deliver integrated care and primary health services responsive to older persons, and provide access to long-term care for older persons who need it;

9. *Stresses* that full and productive employment and decent work for all is one of the key elements of sustainable development, and should be a priority of national policies and international cooperation, and that Member States should enable conditions for sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, shared prosperity, full and productive employment and decent work for all, without discrimination of any kind, including equal pay for work of equal value, and promoting social dialogue accompanied by social protection, taking into account different levels of national development and policies;

10. *Recognizes* that investments and innovation in the social sector, in particular in inclusive and quality education and health, contribute to the alleviation of poverty, reduction of inequalities and the enjoyment of human rights, and enhance human resource development, and encourages further efforts to scale up investments in these areas through quality education that is inclusive and equitable, and universal health coverage, among other things, and in this regard takes note of the initiative by the Secretary-General to convene the Transforming Education Summit in September 2022, recalling that the special theme of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development shall be “Population, education and sustainable development”;

11. *Urges* Member States to mainstream a gender perspective into all development and humanitarian efforts, recognizing that the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls is a common goal which is critical for achieving sustainable development and for efforts to combat hunger, poverty and disease, and to strengthen policies and programmes that seek to ensure and broaden the full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership of women in all spheres of political, economic, social and cultural life as equal actors, and to improve their access to all resources needed for their full exercise and enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, ending all forms of discrimination, and by removing persistent barriers, including by providing access to inclusive and equitable quality education, at all levels, and lifelong learning opportunities, ensuring equal access to full and productive employment and decent work for all, and strengthening their economic empowerment and independence;

12. *Urges* States to scale up efforts to accelerate the transition of women from informal employment to formal employment, including access to decent work, equal pay for work of equal value, improved wages, social protection policies and accessible, affordable and quality social services, including the provision of childcare support such as paid childcare leave, child allowance, nursery services provision, care services, childcare and maternity, paternity or parental leave, which will enable life-work balance, and to take all appropriate measures to effectively value and recognize, reduce, remunerate and equitably redistribute unpaid care and domestic work predominately done by women and girls, including by challenging gender stereotypes and negative social norms, investing in a sustainable and resilient care economy, and taking steps to measure the value of this work in order to determine its contribution to the national economy;

13. *Urges* Governments and the international community to ensure that young people, on an equitable and universal basis, enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health by providing them with access to sustainable health and social services, without coercion or discrimination, to remove all types of barriers to

the ability of adolescents and youth to protect their health, and also urges Governments to address the high rates of youth unemployment, underemployment, vulnerable employment and informal employment, and to provide education or training by developing and implementing targeted and integrated local and national youth employment policies for inclusive, sustainable, innovative and decent job creation, improved employability, skills development, mentorship programmes, increased technical and financial support and vocational education and training, and to actively support and invest in increased participation of young people and in youth-led and youth-focused organizations in the formulation, decisions about, and implementation, monitoring and evaluation of, as appropriate, international, regional, national and local development strategies and policies that affect young people, which is critical to achieving inclusive, equitable and sustainable development for present and future generations;

14. *Reaffirms* the commitment to reduce to less than 3 per cent the transaction costs of migrant remittances, and also reaffirms the positive contributions of migrants to inclusive growth and sustainable development in their countries of origin, transit and destination and in the response and recovery to the COVID-19 pandemic and the importance of facilitating safe, orderly, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, and the importance of promoting safe and secure working environments for migrant workers, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies, and recommits to cooperating internationally to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration involving full respect for human rights and the humane treatment of migrants regardless of migration status;

15. *Recommits* to promoting a universal, rules-based, open, transparent, predictable, inclusive, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system under the World Trade Organization, which can play a critical role in stimulating economic growth and development worldwide, thereby benefiting all countries at all stages of development as they advance towards sustainable development;

16. *Promotes* the role of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises in sustainable and inclusive economic growth, as well as the importance of adequate skills development training for all, particularly for youth, persons with disabilities, older persons, women, indigenous peoples, local communities and entrepreneurs;

17. *Recognizes* the important role of rural communities in a context of sustained and inclusive economic growth, and encourages Member States, international organizations, the private sector and other partners to develop programmes to foster the creation of decent work in rural areas and increase the investment in agricultural and related off-farm activities;

18. *Also recognizes* that information and communications technologies have the potential to provide new solutions to development challenges, particularly in the context of globalization and the COVID-19 pandemic, and can foster sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth and sustainable development, competitiveness, access to information and knowledge, trade and development, poverty eradication and social inclusion, accordingly reaffirms its commitment to bridging the digital divide, including the gender digital divide, and calls upon Member States and other relevant stakeholders to implement policies and to accelerate their efforts to close the digital divide, both between and within countries, and to address the challenges associated with digital literacy, digital skills, training and awareness, as a measure to attain the social inclusion of all, with a focus on children, especially girls, youth, women, persons with disabilities, older persons, rural and remote communities, migrants and indigenous peoples, without any discrimination;

19. *Encourages* Member States and other relevant stakeholders to accelerate the catalytic role that digital technologies, access to the Internet, connectivity and digital inclusion play in reducing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on lifelong learning and quality education, health, communication, commerce and economic recovery and to ensure a path towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, while striving to address digital divides within and among countries and regions;

20. *Stresses* the need to take action to prevent and eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence, including sexual and gender-based violence, including in the world of work, through the strengthening of institutional mechanisms and legal frameworks and their application, given that all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls in private and public spaces, including in digital contexts, are a major impediment to the achievement of the empowerment of women and girls and their social and economic development and the enjoyment of their human rights that no country has managed to eliminate, and encourages the adoption of specific preventive measures to protect all women and girls, youth and children from violence, abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, exploitation, harassment, trafficking in persons, child labour, forced labour and harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation, taking into account the need to address negative social norms, structural barriers and gender stereotypes that affect women in the world of work and to develop and implement measures to promote the re-entry of victims and survivors of violence into the labour market;

21. *Recognizes* that health and nutrition investments at all ages provide high returns for development and bring unique benefits for women's lifetime earnings, poverty eradication and the economic well-being of households and local communities, and calls upon Member States to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights;

22. *Emphasizes* that, in order to realize and capitalize on demographic dividend, it is essential to increase and sustain investment in measures to empower women, girls and youth and to provide a enabling environment for the full realization of their human rights and capabilities, especially inclusive and equitable quality education for girls, maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition, and to meet the unmet needs of women for family planning, as well as investment in vocational training, employment support and job creation, and that a well-trained and healthy workforce together with appropriate economic reforms and policies will result in high return on investment for the growing working-age population;

23. *Encourages* efforts at all levels to establish and strengthen social protection measures and programmes, especially in developing countries, including national safety nets, for the poorest and those living in vulnerable situations and those facing discrimination, and in this regard underlines the importance of increasing investment, capacity-building and systems development, and further encourages Governments to increase the coverage of social protection floors to design policy measures that are gender- and age-sensitive and extend social protection to workers in the informal economy, to foster the progressive formalization of enterprises and employment in the informal sector, including in the care economy, and to mobilize investments in support of decent work, universal social protection, and a just transition towards equitable, inclusive and sustainable economies;

24. *Urges* Member States, taking into account that women and girls are often disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change and other environmental risks owing to gender inequalities and the dependence of many women on natural resources for their livelihoods, to promote the integration of a gender perspective into environmental and climate change policies and their implementation, urges developed countries to urgently and significantly scale up their provision of climate finance, technology transfer and capacity-building for adaptation so as to respond to the needs of developing countries as part of a global effort, including for the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans, encourages Member States to increase the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in climate action and to ensure gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation, which are vital for raising ambition and achieving climate goals, and stresses the need to address the challenges posed by climate change that affect women and girls in particular, with a view to advancing towards the goal of promoting gender-responsive and full, equal and meaningful participation and resilience of women and girls and leadership and empowerment of women in support of climate and environment action;

25. *Calls upon* Member States, the United Nations system, international and regional organizations, indigenous peoples, and all sectors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, women- and youth-led organizations, the private sector and academia, to promote the importance of international solidarity and multilateral cooperation, North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation to build back from the COVID-19 pandemic and to intensify the contributions of all actors to the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

26. *Urges* Member States to ensure universal, equitable, affordable and timely access to and distribution of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, other health technologies, and health-care services, including as supported through the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access (COVAX) Facility and other relevant initiatives, especially in low- and middle-income countries, accelerating the global recovery and contributing to putting an end to the pandemic;

27. *Also urges* Member States to strengthen national capacities, including through enhanced international cooperation and effective multilateralism, for the production, dissemination and analysis of high-quality, reliable and timely statistics and population data disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts for policy formulation by all countries, to encourage the use of distributional national accounts in order to facilitate an assessment of well-being that goes beyond gross domestic product and inform the design of policies for sustained and inclusive economic growth that benefit all, to complete in a timely manner the 2020 round of population and housing censuses and to improve civil registration and vital statistics;

28. *Calls upon* the United Nations Population Fund to continue to play a crucial role, within its mandate, in assisting countries, based on their needs, and priorities and in consultation with them, to enable countries to achieve the full and effective implementation of the goals and objectives contained in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation, and in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

29. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue further improvements in the accessibility and timeliness of disaggregated population data for use by Member States, the United Nations system, civil society and academia, to continue its research on the linkages among population, sustainable consumption and production, climate

change and the environment, and human health, giving particular attention to levels, trends and differentials of mortality, fertility, population distribution and mobility and to the role of population and development policies, while mainstreaming a gender perspective, and to ensure that the findings from this and related research contribute to the next review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.
