

**Nigeria's Intervention/Explanation of position on the CPD 58 draft resolution entitled “Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages “**

Thank you for giving me the floor Madam Chair.

While we appreciate the Chair's efforts to have an outcome document it is unfortunate that we couldn't reach a consensus on this text.

2. it is disheartening and very disturbing that in spite of various calls by many delegations, including mine, for the removal of non-consensual language from the text, especially as these languages constitute major red-lines for our delegations, the co-facilitators have blatantly ignored these pertinent requests that have everything to do with our constitution, our cultural and ethical values and our core national priorities.

Mr. Chair, sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights IS NOT an agreed terms in any consensual international discuss, and as long as its global interpretation includes elements such as abortion (safe or unsafe), the promotion of sex-selective practices during pregnancy, practices and policies that advance gender-identity or sexual orientation ideologies, other than the biological designation of male and female, boys and girls, man and woman, my delegation vehemently rejects any mention of SRH or SRHRR in this text or any other document that emanates from the UN.

While we all agree that these texts, and those from other processes are not legally binding on any delegation, Nigeria will continue to oppose any exercise to consciously or unconsciously formulate international customs and practices that continue to be shoved down our throats through UN documents such as this.

It is likewise, shameful and unfathomable that this esteemed body no longer values the foundational role of the family in any discuss on population development, and will, with any conscience, remove or allow the removal of paragraphs that promote the **foundational** pillar of any society. I must emphasize that if the health of the family and its members don't matter anymore to some in this gathering, then we have indeed engaged in vain, it has totally been an exercise in futility.

In conclusion, the delegation of Nigeria finds this text not yet agreeable and would therefore look forward to a more constructive, transparent and truly inclusive negotiation process in the future where all positions are equally respected and valued and consensus is prioritized over polarizations.

I thank you.