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Outcome Statement

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African and Chinese youth representatives gathered in Accra, Ghana on 26th June, 2019 for the Youth Forum on the sidelines of the China-Africa Conference on Population and Development.

China is the largest developing country in the world, and Africa, the continent with the largest concentration of developing countries. Confronted with many similar challenges, including population and health issues, pragmatic cooperation between Chinese and African youth is essential for the development of China-Africa relations.

We are similar yet diverse; migrants and immigrants; living with and without disabilities; educated, uneducated; urban, rural; married, unmarried; skilled, unskilled; employed, unemployed; rich, poor; and of different orientations.

In our diversity, we welcome the Youth Forum as its outcomes remains critical to our quest as youth to contribute to Africa's and China's growth, to identify the role of young people in the unfinished business of the **International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)**, and essentially to achieve the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

Recognizing the role of adolescents and youth not just as beneficiaries, but also partners in contributing to the implementation of the **ICPD Program of Action**. Accountability to the Youth Forum and the entire conference must be built on the principle of **leaving no one behind**;

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights as well as other international and regional instruments and strategies relating to human rights and international law, including the **UN Youth Strategy**, Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa emphasizing the responsibilities of all African countries to respect, protect and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind;

We, youth representatives from China and across the African continent, commit to:

- **Build and strengthen our own capacities** in the field of social practice, academic research, science and technology innovation to better participate in China-Africa cooperation and development;
- **Strengthen and harmonize** our voices through coalitions and networks;
- **Build and strengthen** the capacities of fellow youth to hold governments accountable to their commitments and foster efforts to track progress towards implementation of the commitments under the **ICPD Programme of Action**;
- **Create and increase public awareness and knowledge** of key instruments (ICPD Program of Action, SDGs and AU Agenda 2063) and the understanding of the participation of young people in the implementation process;
- **Engage governments and stakeholders** to promote understanding of the complementary role of youth in the development and implementation of signed agreements.

We also call on Governments in Africa and China, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Development Partners and all Key stakeholders at the conference to commit to the following:

Population Development

- **Continue to strengthen** national capacity of inclusive empirical research and data analysis, invest in quality population database construction including quantitative and qualitative disaggregated data on diverse and inclusive indicators for evidence-based policy making and development actions;
- **Continue to deepen** the implementation of South-South Cooperation, exchange experiences and technologies in solving population challenges.
- **Create equal opportunities** and decent work for youth in all their diversity
Health and Gender
- **Prioritize and adequately finance** universal access to comprehensive, quality and integrated health services, especially sexual and reproductive health services;

- **Ensure that the right to health is recognized as a substantive right** in their Bills of Rights in constitutions across Africa and China. This will fast track justiciability of the right to health especially Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for all including: marginalized groups such as rural populations, left-behind groups, persons with disabilities, adolescent girls; out-of-school youth; migrants; displaced populations; indigenous people; people living with HIV; and ensure that these groups live free from stigma, coercion, discrimination and violence;
- **Ensure that all survivors of gender-based violence** have immediate and cost-free access to inclusive comprehensive package of psychosocial and health services, including the socioeconomic reintegration of survivors;
- **Enhance awareness of gender equality and reduce gender stereotypes among all citizens.** Advance women and girls' empowerment, including empowerment of persons with disabilities, and promote comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in the whole society.

Youth Participation, Leadership and Governance

- **Propose, develop and implement relevant policies** that encourage youth participation in pragmatic action and innovation under the guidance of the ICPD PoA;
- **Commit to ensure equal and meaningful participation and partnerships** to enhance youth leadership in policy development, program design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, including for all marginalized groups;
- **Review national legal systems,** ensure that the autonomy of civil society and

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