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**EXPLANATION OF POSITION BY  
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**FOLLOWING THE FAILURE TO ADOPT THE  
RESOLUTION OF THE SPECIAL THEME OF THE  
59TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
“POPULATION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH IN THE CONTEXT OF  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”**

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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, Malaysia wishes to place on record its sincere appreciation to you and the co-facilitators of the special theme resolution, Ms. Stéphenie Toschi of Luxembourg and Mr. Hamzata Ben Baby of Mali, for your dedicated leadership and tireless efforts in guiding the negotiation process. We acknowledge the complexity of the task and commend your commitment to bridging divergent positions of States in the text.

2. Malaysia reaffirms its strong commitment to advancing sustainable development through inclusive, evidence-based and people-centred approaches. In this regard, we underscore the critical role of technology and research as enablers in addressing evolving demographic trends, improving access to essential services, and strengthening national capacities. The theme of this session is both timely and relevant, as countries seek to harness innovation and data to enhance policy formulation and ensure that no one is left behind.

Mr. Chair,

3. Malaysia deeply regrets that the Commission was unable to reach consensus and adopt a resolution under this important theme. The draft text contained a number of constructive elements aligned with Malaysia’s priorities, including the importance of data and research in informing public policy, the promotion of capacity-building in developing countries, and the strengthening of international cooperation. We also regret that a well-formulated paragraph on advancing family-friendly and family-oriented policies, could not

be adopted. These elements are essential for ensuring that technological progress contributes meaningfully to sustainable and inclusive development.

4. While we respect your decision to withdraw the text in the interest of preserving the integrity of the process, Malaysia remains concerned that the Commission was unable to deliver a substantive outcome on such a critical and forward-looking theme.

5. As Malaysia prepares to assume its role as a member of the Commission beginning with its 60<sup>th</sup> session, we reaffirm our continued commitment to engage constructively with all Member States. We look forward to contributing actively to advancing consensus and strengthening the Commission's work. Malaysia hopes that this unfortunate outcome will serve as an impetus for renewed engagement, constructive dialogue, and greater flexibility among Member States in the sessions ahead.

I thank you.