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Remarks by
Hon. Ambassador Ukur Yatani, EGH
Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury & Planning

First Anniversary of the Nairobi ICPD25 Summit

27th January, 2021.

The Cabinet Secretary, Health, Senator Mutahi Kagwe

The Cabinet Secretary, Education, Prof. George Magoha

The Cabinet Secretary, Labour & Social Protection, Mr. Simon Chelugui

The Cabinet Secretary, Public Service & Gender Prof. Margaret Kobia,

The Cabinet Secretary, ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs, Mr. Joe Mucheru,

The Chief Administrative Officers, present,

The Principal Secretaries, present,

The Director General of the NCPD, Dr. Sheikh Mohamed,

The Danish Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Ole Thonkes

UN Resident Coordinator ad interim and UNAIDS Country Director, Dr. Medhin Tsehau

The UNFPA Country Representative, Dr. Ademola Oljide

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!



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It is with great pleasure that I join you this morning to commemorate the first anniversary of the Nairobi Summit on the ICPD25 Conference hosted by the Government of Kenya, in Nairobi in November, 2019.

With over 8, 277 delegates from 186 countries including 2513 from governments across the world, as well hosts of participants from the civil society and the private sector, the conference was considered a great success towards assessing progress and renewing efforts of meeting the commitments made in Cairo, Egypt in 1994.

I acknowledge the support of the Government of Denmark and UNFPA then, in making the conference a success and look forward to their future partnership.

Indeed, the promises made in Cairo, to women, young girls, the youth and vulnerable segments of our population, on sexual reproductive health, financing momentum, demographic diversity, gender-based violence and service provision in humanitarian and fragile settings, will require our



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collective efforts and unwavering commitment so as to deliver shared and sustainable prosperity for all.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Government of Kenya is fully aware of its 17 Commitments made at the Nairobi ICPD Summit, by none other than the President of the Republic, HE Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta in his keynote address to the Summit. These commitments revolved around **ten thematic areas**, namely:

1. Health
2. Education
3. Youth empowerment and employment
4. Enhancing social protection for older persons and other vulnerable populations
5. Harnessing of the demographic dividend
6. Generation and utilization of population data for planning and decision-making
7. Elimination of harmful practices including FGM and child marriage
8. Elimination of gender-based violence and discrimination



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9. Increasing financing for the population programme, and
10. Integrating population issues in all development plans.

The 17 Commitments take into consideration Kenya's role and plans under national, regional and global frameworks such as Kenya's Vision 2030, the Big Four Agenda and Population Policy for National Development, East Africa's Vision 2050, the Africa Union Agenda 2063 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The Kenya Country Report on the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Kenya Country Commitments and the 2019-2020 Annual Report on the Kenya Country Commitments to be launched here today are testimony of the progress made and promises realized as the host of the 2019 Nairobi Summit.

The Country Report highlights issues raised at the Summit where Action Plan translates our 17 Commitments into a specific and costed activities while the Annual Report documents our achievements in meeting the 17 Commitments in 2019-2020.



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I note with appreciation that over the last one year, despite the COVID-19 pandemic that significantly slowed down the pace of implementations of planned activities, we've indeed taken remarkable steps in pursuit of the realization of our country's commitments.

I am also happy to report that Kenya successfully released the 2019 Kenya Population & Housing Census in record time, which will undoubtedly increase availability of timely population data to enable informed and accurate decision making which is in conformity to our commitment to the Nairobi Summit.

Several other related milestones were also achieved, including the development and finalization of monographs based on the 2019 Census that will now be availed for use in the course of 2021. All these achievements were realized while still confronting the challenges of Covid-19 with its attendant consequences of slowing of human activities.



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Further, Kenya has begun the process of planning the implementation of the 2021 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey which will provide crucial information on the demographic and health situation of the country's population. This information will be used to advance the population programme in Kenya.

Additionally, through the National Council for Population & Development we are reviewing the Population Policy for National Development that was brought into being by Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2012 to bring it in line with new global, regional and national development frameworks.

To this effect, various consultative forums have been held in all 47 counties and views collated for further processing. I have no doubt that the new policy will enhance our national development agenda under Vision 2030 and other future plans.



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

As demonstrated in the hosting of the Nairobi Summit, Kenya remains committed to leading the way and collaborating with other organizations and countries on matters of population and development.

In this light, it is important to note that Kenya is currently serving as the Rapporteur to the African Population Experts Committee (APEC) Bureau, established in 2015 to advise the Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Health, Population and Drug Control (STC-HPDC) on a Common African Position on Population and Development matters.

Furthermore, Kenya continues to be an active Partner in Population and Development Fora as part of the South-South Cooperation, by not only sharing its experiences, but learning from other countries' experiences towards achieving its Country Commitments under ICPD25.

As further demonstration of our global commitment, Kenya will be delivering its Country Statement at the 54th Session of the United Nations



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Economic & Social Council's Commission on Population & Development in New York from 19th to 21st April, 2021.

The Country Statement incorporating the First Annual Progress Report on Kenya's ICPD25 Country Commitments will inform the African Common Position under the conference theme: Population, Food Security, Nutrition and Sustainable Development.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We do, however, remain cognizant of the fact that in order to maintain global leadership in matters on population and development, we must also work closely with county governments across our Republic. In that spirit, we have re-doubled our engagements with all 47 counties to ensure the inclusion of population matters in County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) and Annual Work Plans (AWPs), in order to enable us fully attain the targets in our ICPD25 Action Plan.



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Finally, as I thank you for finding time to attend this important First Anniversary of the ICPD25 Summit in Nairobi, its now my pleasure and honour to officially launch the:

- **Nairobi ICPD25 Summit Kenya Country Report**
- **ICPD25 Action Plan for Implementation of Kenya Country Commitments**
- **2019/2020 Annual Report on the Implementation of Kenya Country Commitments**

Thank you and may God bless Kenya.