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Excellencies and Members of the Executive Board,

I would like to express, on behalf of the Government of Colombia, our gratitude for the approval of the Country Program Document at this Second Ordinary Session of the Executive Board.

This is the result of the commitment and collaborative spirit that exists between Colombia and the United Nations Development System. We work together in favor of those who need it most.

I must emphasize that the program was prepared amid the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason, this CPD expresses our interest and willingness in improving international cooperation, in support of the efforts of States to respond to this emergency.

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This was built in coordination between the United Nations Population Fund Office in Colombia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The document is aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and with the priorities established in the Cooperation Framework for Sustainable Development 2020-2023, which was signed on March 19th of 2020.

In the aforementioned framework, three priorities are defined and set the parameters for cooperation with all United Nations agencies:

1. Stabilization “Peace with Legality”.
2. Migration as a factor of development.
3. Support for catalytic SDGs.

Likewise, the CPD responds to the national challenges and priorities defined in the National Development Plan 2018 - 2022 “Pact for Colombia; Pact for Equity”.

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For its implementation, the United Nations Population Fund will support Colombia to coordinate and strengthen its national response capacities in the area of sexual and reproductive health, as well as to combat gender violence.

It will contribute to the empowerment of women, youth, and adolescents in my country. We do believe that it is essential to support those who are most vulnerable.

This document provides a framework for action, based on our most pressing needs. Colombia, in this sense, will benefit from the valuable Fund's expertise.

I also want to emphasize that this new work cycle builds on the lessons learned from past collaborative efforts.

We are interested in increasing the efficiency and impact of cooperation, by promoting inter-agency work.

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This responds to the mandates of the reform proposed by the Secretary-General, which Colombia fully supported.

Mr. President and Madam Director,

I would like to conclude, by expressing my sincere recognition for all the work that the United Nations Population Fund has done in Colombia, especially in addressing the enormous migratory flow from Venezuela.

I reiterate our commitment to continue strengthening the cooperation in favor of the sexual and reproductive health of the most vulnerable people in my country, so we Leave No One Behind.

Thank you.