SAMOA’S INTERVENTION on Agenda Item 6: UNFPA Funding Issues.

Thank you Mr. President,

I would like to thank the Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA for the comprehensive statement on the Report on contributions by Member states and other to UNFPA and revenue projections for 2016 and future years.

Our delegation joins other delegations in welcoming the new appointment of Ms Natalia Kanem and the wealth of experience she brings into the work of UNFPA.

Samoa acknowledges the work of UNFPA on sexual reproductive health and its focus on the vulnerable and marginalized groups in particular the adolescent girls, the indigenous people, ethnic minorities, migrants, sex workers, persons living with HIV and persons with disabilities. Samoa commends the work of UNFPA especially its Family Planning 20/20.

Sexual reproductive, family planning and maternal health are a priority focus for Samoa for health development. Samoa continues to support the work of UNFPA and looks forward to working with UNFPA in the implementation of its planned activities for 2016 and future years.

My delegation like others, has concerns with the decrease of regular resources and encourages the UNFPA in mobilizing supplementary resources and addressing funding gaps in order to carry out its mandate and collective goal of improving sexual and reproductive health and safe maternal health by 2030, ensuring that all reach their targeted goals in line with the expression of “Leaving no one behind” by improving the lives of young girls and women.

On a related matter, as Madam Deputy Executive Director announced during her opening statement this morning that a high level event will happen on 19th September for the displaced population due to war with special focus on women; Samoa is interested to know if the work of UNFPA is reaching persons being displaced due to the effects of climate change particularly those in low-lying islands in small island developing states.

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