

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC

H.E. MR. HAMIDON ALI (MALAYSIA) AT THE 43RD SESSION OF
THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honour for me to address the 43rd session of the Commission on Population and Development. I believe that I am the third consecutive Council

have been held in preparation for the AMR. The first, a regional preparatory meeting on "Women and Health", was held in Dakar, Senegal, in January. The second, held in February, brought together a large number of philanthropic organizations and corporations to discuss how engaging philanthropy could help promote gender equality and women's empowerment. The linkage between global health and gender equality, in particular, the nexus between violence against women and HIV/AIDS, was highlighted at that Special Event. In addition, a global preparatory meeting for both the AMR and the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) will be held here in New York on 22 April 2010. The outcomes of these preparatory events will serve as important inputs to the Council's high-level segment this summer.

Also to be considered at its substantive session this summer will be the inputs received from ECOSOC's subsidiary machinery, and I note that this Commission is considering an additional item devoted to the "contribution of population and development to the theme of the annual ministerial review in 2010". The Council welcomes this initiative and looks forward to receiving a