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Madam Chair, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), I thank you for the opportunity to address this audience. ESCWA welcomes the topic of the fiftieth session of the Commission on Population and Development for its high relevance to its 18 member States.

Generally, poverty rates have increased, employment rate is the highest in the world and conflict has driven 30 million people from their homes. In such a challenging context, concerns arise about the efforts and investments that are, and can be, allocated to the issues pertaining to each of the population groups.

~~However, the issues faced by several age groups differ considerably and so do~~

their needs. Differences in needs translate into types of services required and thus on the kind of resources and efforts to be invested. Numerous needs are to be addressed simultaneously so that no one is left behind and so all individuals can

from an integrated human-rights based approach taking into consideration the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. It also continues to promote the integration of population issues into development planning, which would allow countries to identify and design interventions that maximize synergies and impact on various groups.

ESGWA is committed to work closely with its regional partners (including the

League of Arab States and UNFPA) to address key population priorities and develop a regional framework and mechanisms to review progress of Arab