

Chairperson, Excellences Distinguished Delegates,

My delegation wishes to congratulate you for convening the 51st Session of the Commission on Population and Development. I also take this opportunity to congratulate you and the other members of the Bureau on your election, and for steering the work of this commission so far.

Edrees, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations on behalf of Group 77 and China. as well as by His Excellency Issa Konfourou. Ambassador and Permanent

Representative of Mali on behalf of the African Group.

Zambia considers the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action as essential in realising her vision of becoming a prosperous middle-income country by the year 2030. We reaffirm our commitment to the full implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and we also stress that

	As a roll out country for the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework, Zambia is taking an
	integrated anningth in responding to the new refugee crisis in the north where more than fifteen
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	thousand refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo have crossed into the country in the last five months. In addition, more than twenty thousand former refugees from Angola and
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