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**Deputy Secretary-General,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,**

It gives me great pleasure to deliver these remarks on behalf of Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Liu Zhenmin, at the opening of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development.

The Commission is charged with advising the Economic and Social Council on population issues, which lie at the heart of a people-centered and rights-based approach to sustainable development.

development is very timely. This topic also has a long history.

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We are committed to working with Member States to carry forward the many productive suggestions on the future role and organization of the Commission that have been highlighted in recent discussions, in particular:

- Promoting substantive and evidence-based debates on population and development;**
 - Working more closely with all stakeholders; and**
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- activities of ECOSOC and the HLPF.**

Allow me to congratulate the Chairs and the Bureaux of the current and previous sessions for the great strides that they have made in this regard.

And in closing, let me wish you a very successful meeting.

Thank you.
