

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

**Thank you for this opportunity to address the
Commission on Population and Development.**

**Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, the issues
under consideration have become even more urgent.**

**COVID-19 has caused more than 6 million deaths
worldwide. E**

In response to the triple emergency of food, energy and finance faced by many developing countries, the Secretary-General created a Global Crisis Response Group to propose innovative solutions.

The Response Group task team released its first brief a week ago. Preliminary analysis indicates that at least 107 developing economies, home to 1.7 billion people, are severely exposed to at least one of the three crises, while sixty-nine countries are severely exposed to all three.

Meanwhile, recent reports by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change show that the world is on a fast track to climate disaster, with governments and corporations failing to deliver on their climate promises.

In the face of this gathering storm of adversity, we must come together as an international community.

The Commission on Population and Development has an important role to play.

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During this session of the Commission on Population and Development, we need to renew our commitment to ensuring that population and macroeconomic policies support sustained and inclusive economic growth, and provide people with opportunities to fulfil their potential.

ambition, solidarity and solutions with a view to transforming education between now and 2030.

We have no choice but to do so while also addressing