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MATTERS: POPULATION DISTRIBUTION, URBANIZATION,  
INTERNAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT"**

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**Canada Statement, Commission on Population and Development  
Item 4 – General debate on national experience in population matters:  
population distribution, urbanization, internal migration and development**

Thank you Mr. Chairperson. It is an honour for me to address this assembly

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today. Let me begin by congratulating you and your colleagues in the Bureau on your election.

Canada will work to maintain a balanced and constructive role on the issues being addressed by the Commission on Population and Development this session. Population distribution, urbanization, internal migration and development are part of a complex global phenomenon that presents challenges and opportunities. It has important demographic, economic, environmental and social

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Canada continues to support initiatives that reinforce and focus on commitments made at the ICPD as well as the Beijing Conference on women and development and the UN High Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS. The carefully negotiated principles and goals of the programs of action that emerged from these conferences remain relevant today as important frameworks for achieving international poverty reduction and development goals. The implementation of those commitments will contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

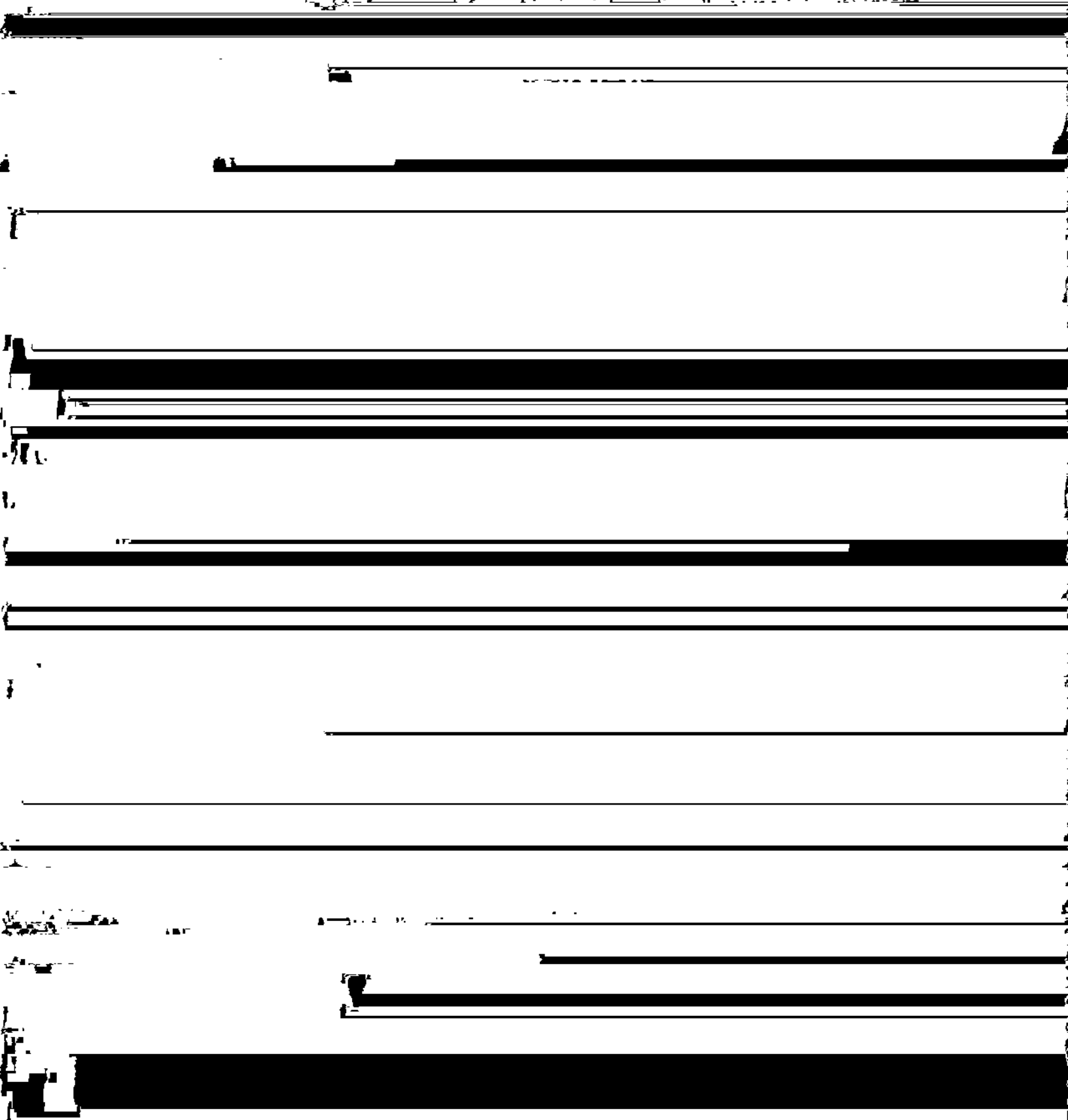
responsive to the needs of our citizens and to the context in which they live. Our international approaches are informed by our domestic experience.

Over the past ten years, the Government of Canada has made progress in removing socio-economic barriers for our urban Aboriginal population by working through partnerships with Aboriginal communities, provincial and municipal governments and other stakeholders under the Urban Aboriginal Strategy.

Information on the Urban Aboriginal Strategy is available at [www.inhacitat.ca](http://www.inhacitat.ca)

workers trained to prevent and treat basic childhood and maternal illness. Given the detrimental impact of the global shortage of human resources for health in many countries, especially in Africa, Canada is actively engaged in developing health workforces at the country level.

As we stated earlier, the implementation of the ICPD's programme of action





**Intervention du Canada, Commission de la population et du développement**

**Article 4 - Débat général sur les expériences nationales en matière de**

**population : répartition démographique, urbanisation, migrations internes  
et développement**

**Merci, Monsieur le Président. Il me fait plaisir de prendre la parole devant cette**

**assemblée aujourd'hui. Permettez-moi tout d'abord de vous féliciter, vous et vos  
collègues du Bureau, de votre élection.**

**Le Canada cherchera à jouer un rôle équilibré et constructif sur les questions  
que la Commission de la population et du développement entend adresser au**

considerations interpersonnelles, aux nouvelles idées, intérêts ou mandats de la

Commission.



domaines comme la gouvernance, la prévention des conflits, le développement socio-économique, la santé, l'éducation, la viabilité environnementale et l'égalité entre hommes et femmes, filles et garçons.

Le Canada est d'avis que les initiatives qui améliorent les services et les soins d'hygiène sexuelle et de santé génésique, y compris ceux visant le VIH/sida, sont des conditions essentielles à la réalisation des objectifs internationaux de lutte contre la pauvreté et de développement. De telles initiatives doivent

correspondre aux questions, besoins et responsabilités des hommes, femmes, garçons et filles, tout en garantissant un accès équitable aux programmes, aux

