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**Statement**

**by**

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Development.**

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**Pakistan's statement to the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission on Population Development- 8  
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**Mr. Chairman,**

1. Let me at the outset congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on election to

7. Like other countries, in Pakistan, the migration from rural areas to urban cities is on the rise. The urban population has doubled from 17.8% in 1951 to 34% in 2005. The focus of ~~the government~~ ~~therefore~~ is to generate work opportunities in both urban and rural areas.

To slow down the pace of internal migration from rural to urban areas, more work opportunities are being created in rural areas. The government is making efforts to promote indigenous industrial sector, provide food security and local resource mobilization.