

Briefing of the Economic and Social Council on the outcome of the
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Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

It is my pleasure to introduce the report of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on
Population and Development.

In a nutshell, my aim, as Chair of the fifty-fifth session, was to build on the success of last year's
Commission.

I am delighted that the Commission was able to adopt a substantive resolution on this year's
special theme, which was "Population and sustainable development, in particular sustained and
inclusive economic growth." Allow me once again to congratulate all delegations as well as the
co-facilitators for this successful outcome. I am very pleased that the resolution was adopted by
consensus, in line with established practice.

The resolution identifies crucial linkages between population and development on one hand
and sustained and inclusive economic growth on the other.

For instance, the resolution draws attention to changing demographic, social and economic
circumstances, which may require the adjustment of pension, social security, health and long-
term care systems.

It also urges States to accelerate the transition of women from informal employment to formal
employment and to take all appropriate measures to effectively value, remunerate and
redistribute unpaid care and domestic work predominately undertaken by women and girls.

The resolution also emphasizes that in order to realize the demographic dividend, it is essential
to increase investments in empowering women, girls and youth, especially by providing quality
education and maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition as well as by meeting the
unmet need for family planning.

It is my hope that the resolution has provided the Council with useful ideas for the HLPF
Ministerial Declaration.

Reflecting the evidence-based nature of the Commission on Population and Development, this year's annual session included three expert panels: one on the reports of the Secretary-General, one on the annual theme of the Commission, and one on the work programme of the Secretariat in the field of population. These panels enriched the deliberations of the Commission by providing technical analysis, expert assessments and policy recommendations.

Building on the progress achieved over the past two years, we also continued to innovate.

This year, the Bureau organized a multi-stakeholder panel, which examined how the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development could contribute to pandemic recovery and to advancing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 4 on education and SDG 5 on gender equality. The panel highlighted the need for integrating population and development considerations in national development planning and in Voluntary National Reviews. The panel discussed how the Statistical Commission and the Commission on Population and Development could work more closely together to improve the evidence base for monitoring progress toward the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda and to strengthen the statistical capacity of countries, particularly in the global South.

To broaden its outreach, the Bureau also held an informal meeting with non-governmental organizations on key elements for the draft resolution.

Dear colleagues,

The Commission also took other important decisions.

The Commission decided to revert to the Commission's traditional five-year cycle for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Further, and in line with the five-year review cycle, the Commission also decided that its fifty-seventh session in 2024 will be devoted to a comprehensive review of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

In closing, let me thank my fellow Bureau members for their contributions and support and express the hope that the Bureau of the fifty-sixth session will be able to build on the success of this year's session.

Thank you, Madam Chair.