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**Closing statement  
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**New York, 15 April 2016**

*Delivered by Mr. Lourenço Montiel, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development*

*Department of Economic and Social Affairs*

*Low placed to deliver the following statement on behalf of Under Secretary General*

View increased commitments to strengthen data systems and to increase the use of

... evidence for an accelerated implementation of the ICDD Programme of Action and

I also thank the Chair and other members of the Bureau for the overall success of this session. You have guided both the preparation and the deliberations of this session with

helpful to future Chairs and Bureaus.

Let me especially thank the co-facilitators, who have guided the informal consultations with steady determination. Your successful stewardship of the negotiations this year has reinforced the importance of working towards a shared vision and unity of purpose.

We appreciate also the many contributions of UNFPA and the support they have given us