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Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to deliver these remarks on behalf of Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, LIU Zhenmin.

Since its inaugural session in 1947, this expert body has been at the forefront of informing the global community about the comp10(c)o TJ 0 -1.15 TD [(S)-4(i)-2(nc)4(e)4(i)-2(t)-2(s)-1(i)-2

Dear delegates,

The Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, adopted in Cairo in 1994, was, is and will remain an historic milestone for

subsidiary bodies of ECOSOC such as this Commission. We provide policy advice to countries as they seek to implement the outcomes of UN conferences and other inter-governmental agreements, and we support Governments in building national capacities for implementation.

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