

Item 49th session of the Commission on Population and Development
Agenda item 7. Review of the functioning of the methods of work of the Commission

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Madame Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates and colleagues,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to introduce the agenda item "Review of the functioning of the methods of work of the Commission" and in particular the "Note by the Secretariat on the Future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development", document *E/C.N.9/2016/8*.

The Commission is invited to discuss the functioning of the Commission's methods of work of

In listening to your interventions this week, I noticed a lot of convergence with the note we produced.

Let me mention four.

First we confirmed the continued centrality of the ICPD Programme of Action in choosing our annual

theme in the years to come. In General Assembly resolution 65/234 Member States extended the ICPD Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation beyond 2014 and that remains our "leitmotiv".

Second, we agreed that a separate agenda item on the contribution of population and development issues to the annual theme of ECOSOC may need to be reconsidered in view of having an integrated