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in the field of population in 2014**

Madam Chair

In particular, we would like to commend the Population Division for its core efforts at estimating and projecting the populations of countries throughout the world. In February 2014, the Division released a report that detailed the methodologies used to produce *World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision*. That report helped to clarify the methods through which country estimates and projections were accomplished. This was followed in July by the release of a full set of probabilistic population projections. The Division also issued in June *World Urbanization Prospects: The 2014 Revision*, a major effort to describe the current and future size of urban agglomerations throughout the world.

The Population Division has also made major contributions to our collective understanding of world health and mortality trends through its participation in the UN Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (IGME), collaborating in the preparation of a report on *Levels and Trends in Child Mortality*. It has also contributed to the M

