



**Chairperson,  
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Distinguished Delegates,**

My delegation wishes to congratulate you for convening the 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission on  
Population and Development. I also take this opportunity to congratulate you and the other

members of the Bureau on your election, and for steering the work of this commission so far.  
I wish to align this statement to the statements delivered by His Excellency H.E. Mr. Mohamed

Edrees, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations on behalf of  
Group 77 and China, as well as by His Excellency Issa Konfourou, Ambassador and Permanent

As a roll out country for the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework, Zambia is taking an

thousand refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo have crossed into the country in the last five months. In addition, more than twenty thousand former refugees from Angola and