

Statement by Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, Permanent Observer
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Madam Chair,

On the occasion of the thirtieth

production, demonstrating that it is fully compatible with shared prosperity and the achievement of integral human development for all.

Consequently, the real challenge before us is not the growing world population, which is a great resource, but rather inequality, poverty and lack of development. The remedy should be sought in genuine, integral and sustainable development efforts, and in particular in policies and programmes that promote employment, ensure investment in basic public services for all, foster good stewardship of resources, including natural resources, and, above all, support the family.

Madam Chair,

The thirtieth anniversary of the ICPD coincides with the thirtieth anniversary of the International Day of the Family. In this context, the Holy See wishes to recall that the ICPD