



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

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Mr. Chairman

~~Distinguished delegate~~

On behalf of my delegation, I wish to congratulate you and the other members of the Bureau on your election and assure you of my delegation's full support.

Zambia associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

which give a useful assessment of the work being carried out in the area of
~~regulation and development and therefore provides a good basis for our~~

Mr Chairman,

The national population policy was first promulgated in 1989 however, the country's population growth rate has remained high at an average growth -

rate of 2.4 percent and the population factors have continued to act as serious challenges to sustainable development. To address these challenges it was

On the issue of refugees, Zambia has had a long history of hosting large numbers of refugees which has had an impact on the population growth

rate. These large influxes have mainly been due to independence struggles in the Southern African region in the 60s through to the early 80s and later the post independence conflicts. By the year 2000, large numbers of refugees

had migrated to Zambia, some of whom have settled and socially been integrated in local communities. In most cases immigrants share the same