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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset let me congratulate you on your election as Chairman of the Commission.

Austria fully endorses the statement made yesterday by Slovenia on behalf of the European Union. We seize this occasion to add some national experiences on the topic.

As we reaffirm the comprehensive implementation of the entire agenda of the International Conference on Population and Development, the ICPD +5 and the MDGs, we would like to highlight Austrian policies with regard to this year's topic as well as Austrian efforts in this regard within the framework of the Austrian Development Cooperation. The basis for all our population policies is of course consistency with human rights, including with the rights of women.

As described in the reports of the Secretary General, urbanization can bring about many positive aspects, including facilitating social change and a better access to a variety of services such as education, health and transportation. However, rapid urbanization still