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rural population ageing may have far-reaching development implications for rural agriculture, economy, environment, social organization and for the relevant national institutions.

families and households. Because of the speed with which rural ageing is expected to occur, the

suffering notable inequalities and inequities. In many countries, their burdens have been increased by dramatically reduced social budgets as governments implement structural reforms.

In closing, we at ESCWA are extremely thankful to the member governments that welcome

cooperation with ESCWA and that actively participate with us in our population and development programme. We appreciate their continued cooperation and we