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**Third, the world is more urbanized.** By 2007, one-half of the world's population will be living in urban areas.

**Tenth, Governments are becoming increasingly concerned with the consequences of population trends.** Governments are now more inclined to view population as a legitimate area of Government action and to act upon these concerns by formulating and implementing policies which address these issues.

In summary Mr. Chairman, the current population picture is one of dynamic population change, reflected in new and diverse patterns of family formation, childbearing, mortality, ageing, urbanization and migration. The continuation and consequences of these population trends present unique opportunities, as well as challenges for all societies in the twenty-first century.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.