

**ADDRESS TO THE FORTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE
COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

by

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Madame Chair,
Distinguished delegates,

It is an honour for me to address the 42nd session of the Commission on Population and Development in my capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council. I would like to assure you of the full support of ECOSOC for the efforts of the Commission to advance the global agenda on population and development, particularly as they relate to this year's Annual Ministerial Review (AMR), which will focus on "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health."

Mandated by Heads of State and Govern

To ensure that the AMR meets its objectives, preparations at the global, regional

The Annual Ministerial Review session as such centres around a series of *National Voluntary Presentations* made by both developing and developed countries on progress made in implementing the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals. This year Bolivia, China, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Japan, Mali, Sri Lanka and Sudan have volunteered to make those presentations.

The National Voluntary Presentations aim to provide examples of best practices and lessons learned so that other Member States may base their initiatives on what works. To assist Member States in this regard, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs has developed a website entitled “*Development Strategies that Work*” where the findings emanating from the AMR are posted.

Also, at the request of the developing countries making National Voluntary