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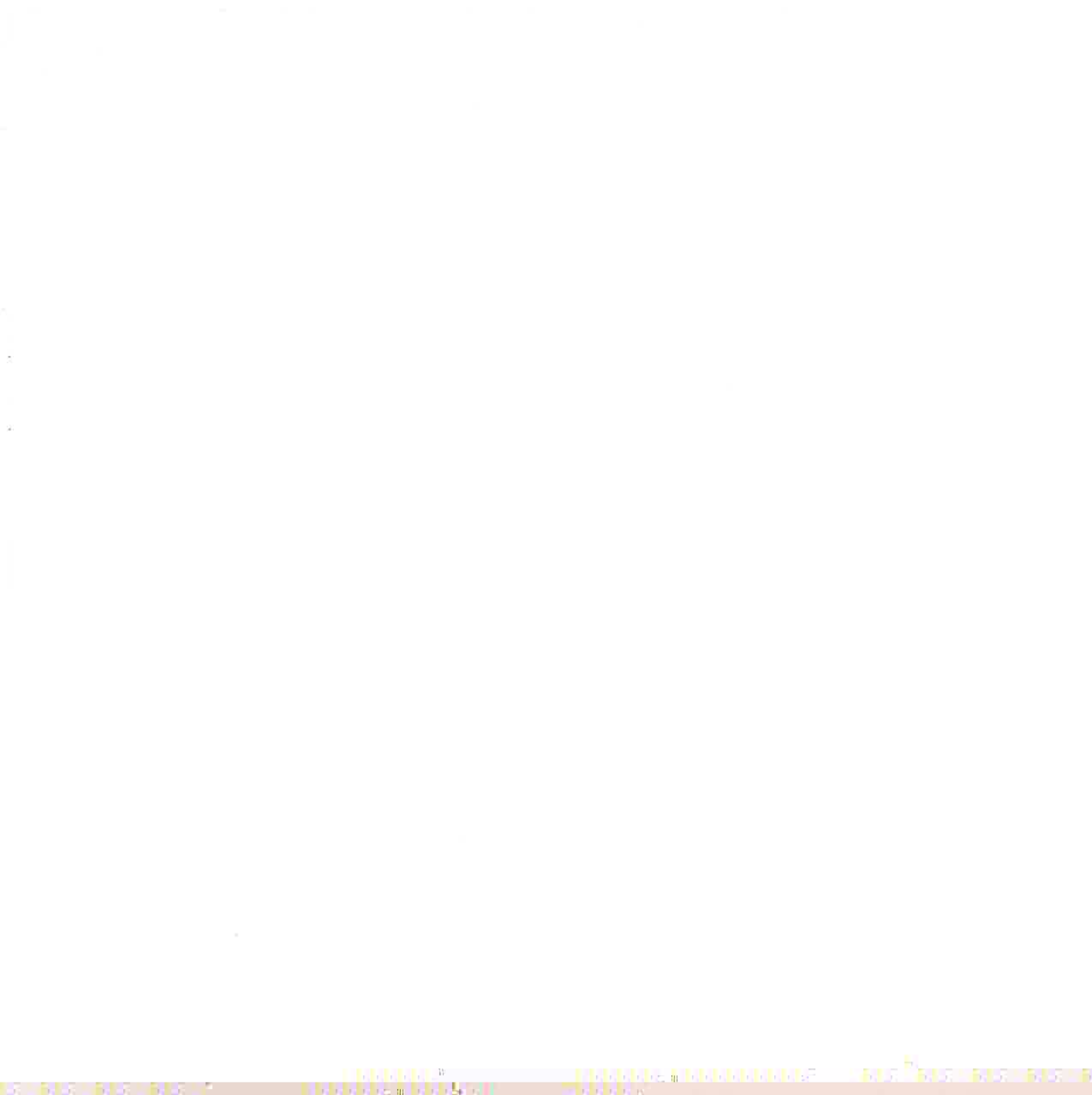
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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today's Special Session marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). It has been 20 years since the 130 Member States

participate, forging the commitments to take action for a truly transformative agenda. The Conference adopted by consensus a Programme of Action indicating a long-term set of universal goals, linking population dynamics, global health, human rights, gender equality and sustainable development.

Progress made in the past two decades are very well illustrated in the report of the Secretary-General (A/69/62) entitled, "Framework of Actions for the Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development".

reliable statistics and trend analyses. But findings in the reports show that the capacity to collect, monitor and project population dynamics continues to be weak. We need to reinforce international action to ensure a more effective and efficient collection and analysis of population data.

Italy believes that strategic responses to population development challenges require systematic, coordinated and active contributions of all relevant stakeholders (governments,

civil society, academic institutions, private sector and international organizations). In this context, the United Nations, and UNFPA in particular, can play a leadership role in forging stronger partnerships.