

**Population
STATEMENT**

**Remarks of His Excellency,
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Good Afternoon everyone.

I am honored to be here today representing my country Palau and the Pacific Islands Forum as its current Chair.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I applaud the work of the United Nations Population Fund especially in the context of the Program of Action. The focus of the UNPF on the well-being of individuals and the focus

economic growth is certainly relevant to all developing, and for that matter, developed nations.

Ladies and Gentlemen, while we can work around the clock analyzing the various aspects of
intermittent response to population increase until we face the ultimate issue of population we

are simply rowing our canoe in an endless circle

I often wonder why we all do not just come out and say it. We need to come to terms with
population growth as a global disaster will find us all. If our population stops growing