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in particular the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the
Status of Women and the Statistical Commission. For example, the Statistical
Commission decided last month on a framework of 230 indicators for use in
reviewing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable
Development.

Population trends are reflected, either directly or indirectly, in several of the
Sustainable Development Goals, in particular those related to poverty,
hunger, health, education, gender, employment, inequality and cities. The

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This framing of the review is consistent also with the decision by the General
Assembly, in its resolution 68/1, that the Council should invite the functional
commissions to contribute to its work in keeping with its agreed theme for a
given year. In September of 2015, in resolution 70/1, the Assembly decided,
further, that the reviews of progress on the SDGs taking place in the high-level political forum would be supported by reviews taking place in the
functional commissions. It specified that the reviews in the functional
commissions should, where possible, feed into and be aligned with tionalm5kkTFAFwgh-2]TJekk5AkOTLeT0[wl2”5kkkTwe2“”5WWW

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Just two weeks ago, ECOSOC held a Special Meeting to grapple with the
question of how to address inequality in a systematic fashion across the 2030
Agenda. For this purpose, inequalities across population groups – defined by
income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic
location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts – need to be
documented, analysed and understood. Where the appropriate data are
available, demographic evidence on trends for these various groups can make
a crucial contribution to planning programmes and reviewing progress toward
the reduction of inequalities.

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This commission has a long and distinguished record in addressing these sorts
of issues in relation to its core mandate to follow-up the Cairo Programme of
Action. As in the past, the Commission on Population and Development is
well positioned to make specific contributions in its areas of expertise to the
broader development agenda in the years to come.

In closing, I wish to convey the appreciation of the entire Bureau of the
Economic and Social Council for your dedicated work and leadership in this
area. I look forward to learning about the outcomes of this sessions. To
increase the impact of the work, I encourage this Commission to submit
substantive recommendations requiring further attention by the Council.

Thank you, Madame Chairperson