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Opening remarks

strategies and leadership. And thanks in great part also to the United Nations in action. Governments, UN agencies, civil society, communities and our partners—we the peoples, all nations, large and small.

The vision and values of the ICPD – that development must be people-centered, and attend to strengthening equal access to health, education, and human dignity for all persons – anticipated the vision and values of the 2030 Agenda, our common blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and in years to come.

The values and wisdom of the ICPD, which have contributed to the progressive realization of rights for many people, are integral to achieving the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. Indeed, this is why the Commission decided to focus this year's session on both the reon \$or

Reaching those furthest behind may prove the most challenging. The majority of those still waiting reside in countries with some of the most fragile health systems, high rates of poverty, low literacy, high gender inequality, limited access to modern transport, and populations in some of the hardest-to-reach areas.

Many also face the threat of natural disasters, now exacerbated by climate change. Still other countries face protracted conflict or displacement that is setting back gains on ICPD as we speak.

We have ambitious aims to end unmet need for family planning, end maternal death, and end gender-based violence and harmful practices by 2030. This will require innovative approaches, better mapping and estimation of needs, new partnerships and funding, and the interdisci-

