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Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Civil Society friends,
Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations on this successful session of the Commission on Population and Development.

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Allow me to thank all of you, distinguished representatives and delegates of the Commission, for your hard work and active participation in the deliberations in the run up to, and during, this session. Your dedication to virtual negotiations, even through meals, family time, and late into the night, is much appreciated.

We should reflect on the national experiences shared during the general debate this week, and recognize the deep impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the implementation of the ICPD and the 2030 Agenda. It is time now to work together to build a better world for all.