



20 July 2023

19 JULY 2023

OPENING REMARKS

Opening remarks by H.E. Ambassador Noemí Ruth Espinoza Macal, Chair of the 57TH Session of the Commission on Population and Development

Director of the Population Division John Wilmoth,

Experts,

Delegates,

Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this expert group meeting.

I am Ambassador Noemi Espinoza, Deputy Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations and Chair of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development.

As I couldn't make it for the opening earlier this morning, I am delighted to have this opportunity to meet you and say a few words.

As the Chair of the CPD, I am mandated to lead conversations on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, better known as the Cairo Agenda, at the global, regional and national levels.

2024 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Cairo Conference and as you all know, this year

we are marking the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is my ambition, as Chair

Young People, as a side event of the High-Level Political



