

**Closing Remarks to the Forty-First Session of the
Commission on Population and Development**

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Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

We have come to the end of a fruitful session of the Commission. As we requested

the theme for this session has been of considerable interest and the subject of lively debate. Clearly, all agree that urbanization has a major impact on many aspects of human life, some positive and other detrimental. Furthermore, deciding how best to ensure that the potential benefits of urbanization are realized while at the same time combating its detrimental effects is a challenge because of the diversity of situations that exist not only among the countries of the world but also within countries.

Mr. Chairman,

To conclude ~~allow me to thank our colleagues from Conference Services from~~



UNFPA and from the Department for ECOSOC Affairs for supporting our work. My thanks also go to the able staff of the Department of Public Information who helped disseminate the messages coming out of this session, as well as to the interpreters and translators, to the précis writers, and to countless other persons who ensure that our work proceeds smoothly.

And, of course, special thanks go to you Mr. Chairman for conducting the

