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**ADDRESS TO THE FORTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE
COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
by**

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H.E. Lazarus Kapambwe

President

Economic and Social Council

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Agenda Item 6

***General debate on the contribution of population and development issues
to the theme of the annual ministerial review in 2011***

Mister Chairman,

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is an honour for me to address the 44th session of the Commission on Population and Development on behalf of H. E. Lazarus Kapambwe, President of the Economic and Social Council. I would like to assure you of the full support of ECOSOC for the efforts of the Commission to advance the global agenda on population and development, particularly as they relate to this year's Annual Ministerial Review (AMR). As you know, the AMR will focus this year on "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education."

Improving educational attainment, especially among girls, is one of the major recommendations made by

It would be useful to discuss, in particular, how population dynamics and, especially the changes that you have been discussing here during the past three days, can facilitate the attainment of universal primary education. As we know, reductions in fertility result eventually in fewer children both at the national level

