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Good morning Madame Chair, Distinguished Delegates

The Day 2015 development agenda will unfold in the next few days

Not only did the world become more urban than rural in 2008, but cities & towns today are
adding an estimated 1.2 million persons per week, and 100% of urban population growth

in the past 20 years is occurring in developing countries.

Urbanization, in itself, offers enormous potential for development, as there is a strong
historic association between urbanization and economic growth. Yet at the same time
inequalities abound in urban spaces... Many urban migrants are young people, seeking

Young people today offer one of the greatest opportunities for future development. As most countries are naturally transitioning from high to low fertility, a youth bulge is created. Because fewer children will be born after them, this youth bulge will move into working adulthood with fewer dependents, and more opportunity to acquire wealth, savings, and purchasing power, and thereby accelerate economic growth. This is the

In addition to education, the next generation must have the rights and freedoms, knowledge

and to bring them into a world where their health is assured. Sexual and reproductive health and rights are the prerequisites for women and girls to enjoy all other rights including the

A great deal of data is generated through national surveys, but it continues to be analyzed in for ~~away~~ universities, and not where it's needed most in the developing countries