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UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Kanem,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,

Twenty-eight years ago, following the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo, Member States requested this Commission to support, and review the implementation of, the full range of activities outlined in its Programme of Action.

You, as the members of the Commission on Population and Development at its fifty-fifth session, have proven to be able stewards of the Commission's work. By reaching consensus on all four

Moreover, contributions by Member States, observers and civil society during the general debate and the interactive panels, as well as the reports of the Secretary-General prepared for this session, have provided us with much food for thought.

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In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all those who worked tirelessly to prepare and organize our annual session:

To my fellow Bureau members, I would like to thank you for your tireless efforts to organize an interesting and innovative session, for facilitating the consultations on the draft proposals, for chairing plenary meetings, for moderating panel discussions and for performing myriad functions with professionalism and dedication.

To the senior officials, panelists and moderators who participated in the plenary meetings: Thank you for enriching our deliberations.

**To all Member State delegations:** Thank you for your substantive contributions to the discussions in the plenary, including the interactive panels, and for your constructive