



**Closing remarks**

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Madam Chairperson, Excelentísima Embajadora Noemi Espinosa Madrid,

Excellences, Ministers, Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives,

UN DESA Assistant Secretary-General Navid Hanif,

Distinguished delegates,

Dear civil society friends, youth Ambassadors, youth participants and esteemed colleagues,

This is the conclusion of a remarkable year of hard work.

As we close the 57th session of the Commission on Population and Development, we stand at a critical juncture in our journey – a journey that began 30 years ago at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994, in Cairo.

We were very pleased that this Commission adopted, by consensus, a Political Declaration that reaffirms the international unwavering commitment to the ICPD agenda and, thereby, to the advancement of the rights and well-being of individuals around the world.

I thank our distinguished Chair, Her Excellency Ambassador Noemi Espinosa Madrid of Honduras, who has magisterially led the work of this Commission. Madam Chair your leadership in steering discussions to its positive conclusion has been crucial in this

Of course, my deepest gratitude

On behalf of UNFPA and in complementarity with our sister agencies, I reiterate our commitment to work alongside you towards realizing the Programme of Action that matters to you for the

Allow me to thank you once again and I look forward to the continued momentum as we advance the promise of Cairo into the future.

Muchísimas gracias.