

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Amrit Bahadur Rai, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the
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Development**

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to congratulate you and all other bureau members on your election to steer the 54th Session of the Commission on Population and Development. I assure you of my delegation's full support in discharging your important responsibilities.

The Commission has been an important platform to deliberate on the interdependence between population and sustainable development and to assess the progress made on the implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action at the national, regional, and international levels.

We believe that this year's priority theme 'Population, Nutrition, Food Security and Sustainable Development' is both timely and pertinent in the context of disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable groups of people.

