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Excellency,

I am writing you in my capacity as Chair of the Commission on Population and Development and in follow up to decision 2022/332 of the Economic and Social Council, inviting the General Assembly to hold a commemorative event in years when the Commission on Population and Development conducts a comprehensive review of the Programme of Action of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development. In 2024, the Commission will undertake such a comprehensive review, coinciding with the thirtieth anniversary of the ICPD Programme of Action.

In this regard, the Bureau of the Commission on Population and Development is honored to request you to hold a one-day commemorative event at the highest possible level during the week of 29 April to 3 May 2024 when the Commission on Population and Development will convene for its fifty-seventh session.

The Bureau is of the view that holding the commemorative event during the Commission on Population and Development has the potential to bolster the relevance on the commission by attracting the participation of high-level government officials and greatly contribute to a consensual outcome of the session which would highlight the contributions of the ICPD Programme of Action to achieving the SDGs.

It is our hope that you will favourably consider this request.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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