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REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Report of the International Conference on Population and Development". It also decided that the debate on the item would be held directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that action on the item would be taken in the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 30th and 34th meetings, on 29 November and 13 December 1994. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.30 and 34). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 7 and 11 to 13 October 1994 (see A/C.2/49/SR.3-8).

3. For the consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development entitled "Synthesis of national reports on population and development" (A/49/482);

(b) Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the G-7 Summit, held at Naples from 8 to 10 July 1994 (A/49/228-S/1994/827);

(c) Letter dated 25 June 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the texts of the documents adopted by the Eleventh Ministerial Conference of the Movement of the Non-Aligned Countries, held at Cairo from 31 May to 3 June 1994 (A/49/287-S/1994/894 and Corr.1);

(d) Letter dated 9 September 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a statement on the International Conference on Population and Development adopted on 20 August 1994 in Guácimo de Limón, Costa Rica, by the Central American Presidents and by the Prime Minister of Belize as an observer (A/49/374);

(e) Letter dated 3 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Ministerial Declaration of the Group of 77, adopted on 30 September 1994 (A/49/462 and Corr.1);

(f) Letter dated 11 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Declaration of the Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries, adopted in New York on 4 October 1994 (A/49/506);

(g) Letter dated 17 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, held at United Nations Headquarters on 5 October 1994 (A/49/532-S/1994/1179);

(h) Letter dated 14 November 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the problems of population development in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (A/C.2/49/11);

(i) Report of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/49/L.47 and L.74

4. At the 30th meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and Mexico, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.47) entitled "United Nations conference on international migration and development", which read:

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"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming the permanent validity of the principles set forth in the basic instruments regarding the international protection of human rights, in particular in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ the International Covenants on Human Rights, 2/ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 3/ the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 4/ and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 5/

"Recalling its resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990, by which it adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, contained in the annex to that resolution,

"Aware that, in spite of the existence of an already established body of principles, there is a need to make further efforts to improve the situation and to ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrants and their families,

"Having considered the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 6/ which took place in Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994,

"Bearing in mind that migration has positive consequences for development and different types of impacts in both sending and receiving countries,

"Emphasizing the importance of the integration of migrants into the host society with due respect of their religious and cultural background, and the need to extend to them the same social, economic and legal rights as are enjoyed by citizens,

"Recognizing the vital importance of family reunification and the promotion of such integration in order to ensure the protection of the unity of the families of migrants,

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

4/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

5/ Resolution 44/25, annex.

6/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1.

"Welcoming the adoption of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 7/ and the broad support for the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development,

"Recalling the recommendations on the subject of international migration and development contained in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

"1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the International Conference on Population and Development; 6/

"2. Decides to convene in 1997 a United Nations conference on international migration and development, of ten day's duration, at the highest possible level of participation;

"3. Decides to establish a preparatory committee for the United Nations Conference on International Migration and Development open to all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies with the participation of observers, in accordance with the established practice of the Assembly;

"4. Decides that the Preparatory Committee shall hold an organizational session of three days' duration in 1995, and two sessions in 1996 and one session in 1997 of one week's duration each, at United Nations Headquarters;

"5. Also decides that the Preparatory Committee, at its organizational session, shall elect, with due regard to equitable geographical representation, a chairman, three vice-chairmen and a rapporteur;

"6. Further decides that the Preparatory Committee shall:

"(a) Prepare the draft provisional agenda and draft rules of procedure of the Conference;

"(b) Prepare draft decisions and recommendations to be presented to the Conference for consideration and adoption;

"7. Invites all States to participate actively in the preparatory process of the Conference;

"8. Calls upon all organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations, to contribute fully to the preparations for the Conference;

7/ Ibid., chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

"9. Invites interested non-governmental organizations, particularly those from developing countries, to participate in and contribute to the Conference and its preparatory process, taking into account procedures used at recent United Nations conferences;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report for submission to the Preparatory Committee containing recommendations on an adequate preparatory process and measures to be taken to prepare for the Conference, including the need for regional and subregional preparatory meetings, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution;

"11. Decides that the preparatory process and the Conference itself shall be funded through existing United Nations budgetary resources, without negatively affecting its programmed activities, and through voluntary contributions to a trust fund to be established specifically for the purpose of funding the preparatory process and the Conference;

"12. Decides to establish a separate voluntary fund for the purpose of supporting developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, in participating fully and effectively in the Conference and in its preparatory process, and invites Governments to contribute to the fund;

"13. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

"14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session an item entitled 'United Nations Conference on International Migration and Development'."

5. At the 34th meeting, on 13 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.74) entitled "International migration and development", which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.47.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.74 without a vote (see para. 16, draft resolution I).

7. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Belarus and the Philippines (see A/C.2/49/SR.34).

8. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.74, draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.47 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/49/L.48 and L.67

9. At the 30th meeting, on 29 November, the representatives of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, and Indonesia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, introduced a

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draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.48) entitled "Report of the International Conference on Population and Development", which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 47/176 of 22 December 1992 and 48/186 of 21 December 1993 on the International Conference on Population and Development, and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/91 of 26 July 1989, 1991/93 of 26 July 1991, 1992/37 of 30 July 1992, 1993/4 of 12 February 1993, and 1993/76 of 30 July 1993, in which the Council decided on the convening, mandate and preparatory process of the International Conference on Population and Development,

"Recalling further Economic and Social Council decision 1994/227 of 14 July 1994, by which the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Population Commission, including discussion of the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development,

"Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (III) of 3 October 1946, 150 (VII) of 10 August 1948 and 1985/4 of 28 May 1985 on the mandate of the Population Commission, as well as 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 and 1986/7 of 21 May 1986 on the aims and purposes of the United Nations Population Fund,

"Reaffirming the importance and continued validity of the goals, principles and objectives established at the World Population Conference held in Bucharest in 1974 and the International Conference on Population held in Mexico City in 1984,

"Having considered the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, which took place in Cairo, Egypt, from 5 to 13 September 1994, 8/

"Acknowledging fully the interrelationship among population, sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

"Recognizing that the implementation of population and development policies and programmes is the sovereign right of each country, consistent with national laws and development priorities, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its people, and in conformity with universally recognized human rights,

"Expressing its satisfaction at the fact that the Conference and its preparatory process enabled the full and active involvement of States

8/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1.

Members of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and of observers and various intergovernmental organizations as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations, representing all regions of the world,

"Expressing its profound gratitude to the Government and people of Egypt for the hospitality extended to the participants at the Conference and for the facilities, staff and services placed at their disposal,

"1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the International Conference on Population and Development; 8/

"2. Endorses the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 9/ as adopted on 13 September 1994;

"3. Acknowledges the contribution made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Conference to the successful organization of the Conference;

"National, regional and international implementation
of the Programme of Action

"4. Affirms that, in the implementation of the Programme of Action, Governments should commit themselves at the highest political level to achieving its goals and objectives, acknowledging the shared but differentiated responsibilities of all the world's peoples for a common future, and take a lead role in coordinating the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of follow-up actions;

"5. Calls upon all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other major groups concerned with population and development issues, including non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians and other community leaders, to give the widest possible dissemination to the Programme of Action and to seek public support for its goals, objectives and actions;

"6. Fully acknowledges that the factors of population, poverty, patterns of production and consumption, and the environment are so closely interconnected that none of them can be considered in isolation;

"7. Urges all countries to consider their current spending priorities with a view to making additional contributions for the implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the provisions of chapters XIII and XIV of the Programme of Action, and the economic constraints faced by developing countries;

"8. Acknowledges the importance of subregional and regional activities undertaken during preparations for the Conference, affirms the

9/ Ibid., chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

ongoing importance of such commitment to population and development issues and calls upon relevant subregional and regional organizations, within their respective mandates, to play an active role in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

"9. Emphasizes that international cooperation in the field of population is essential for the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Conference and, in that context, calls upon the international community to provide, both bilaterally and multilaterally, adequate and substantial international support and assistance for population activities, particularly through the United Nations Population Fund, in order to ensure full and consistent support for efforts directed at the implementation, at all levels, of the Programme of Action;

"10. Calls upon the organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies to undertake the actions required to give full and effective support to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

"11. Acknowledges the important contribution made by non-governmental groups and organizations from all regions to the Conference and its preparatory process and emphasizes the need to maintain and enhance such effective partnership contributions and cooperation in all aspects of population and development, so as to ensure the full implementation of the Programme of Action;

"Mobilizing resources for population and development

"12. Recognizes that the effective implementation of the Programme of Action will require an increased commitment of financial resources, both domestically and externally, and in this context calls upon the developed countries to intensify their efforts to transfer new and additional resources to the developing countries in order to ensure that population and development objectives and goals are met;

"13. Emphasizes the importance of the early identification and allocation of financial resources by all members of the international community, including regional financial institutions, to enable them to fulfil their commitments to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

"14. Requests the Secretary-General to consult with the various bodies of the United Nations system, as well as with international financial institutions and various bilateral aid organizations and agencies, with a view to promoting an exchange of information among them on the requirements for international assistance, reviewing on a regular basis the specific needs of countries in the field of population and development and maximizing the availability of resources and their most effective utilization;

"15. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare an estimate of the additional resources needed to ensure adequate follow-up activities by the United Nations;

"16. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare periodic reports for the substantive sessions of the Economic and Social Council on the financial flow of international resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action, both bilaterally and multilaterally, and to promote the exchange of information on the requirements for international assistance among the members of the donor community;

"17. Urges the international community to promote a supportive international economic environment by adopting favourable macroeconomic policies for promoting sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

"Institutional follow-up to the Conference

"18. Stresses the importance of continued and enhanced cooperation and coordination by all relevant units and organs of the United Nations system in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

"19. Emphasizes the need for follow-up activities relating to the Conference and the Programme of Action so as to utilize, to the fullest extent possible, existing capacity within the United Nations system in the area of population and development, in particular the Population Commission, the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the Secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund;

"20. Requests all the specialized agencies and related organizations of the United Nations system to review and where necessary adjust their programmes and activities in line with the Programme of Action and take appropriate measures to ensure its full and effective implementation, taking into account the specific needs of developing countries, and to ensure that their actions in this regard are reported to the Economic and Social Council for coordination purposes and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session for policy implications;

"21. Decides that the Population Commission shall be renamed the Commission on Population and Development and recommends that the Economic and Social Council review, at its substantive session of 1995, the terms of reference, the mandate, and the composition of the Commission which is to be expanded to 53 members, as well as the periodicity of its sessions which is to be an annual one, and in this context also decides that the Commission, so revitalized, shall be the principal intergovernmental mechanism to monitor, review and assess the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

"22. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1995, to consider:

"(a) The establishment of a separate Executive Board of the United Nations Population Fund to ensure the operational follow-up of the International Conference on Population and Development and its Programme of Action;

"(b) The appropriate secretarial support arrangements;

"(c) The establishment of an appropriate inter-agency coordination, collaboration and harmonization mechanism;

"23. Also requests the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1995, to review the reporting procedures within the United Nations system regarding population and development issues;

"24. Further requests the Economic and Social Council:

"(a) To examine the results of a quinquennial review and appraisal of the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action;

"(b) To discuss relevant matters concerning the implementation of population and development programmes, as well as matters concerning harmonization, cooperation and collaboration within the United Nations system regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action;

"(c) To discuss the reports submitted by the different bodies and other bodies and organs on various matters related to the Programme of Action;

"25. Invites the governing body of the United Nations Population Fund to oversee, on a regular basis, the response of the Fund to the needs of countries regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action, in particular to the specific requests from developing countries for assistance in the preparation of national reports, within its area of competence and to report to the Economic and Social Council on this matter;

"26. Requests the Population Commission, at its twenty-eighth session, to review, within its area of competence, the Programme of Action and its implications for the activities of the United Nations system, including the implications for the Commission itself, and to transmit its views to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995;

"27. Requests the Secretary-General to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

"28. Decides to include in the agenda of its forthcoming sessions an item entitled 'Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development'."

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10. On 6 December, a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.48, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was circulated in document A/C.2/49/L.57.

11. At the 34th meeting, on 13 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.67), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.48.

12. The Committee also had before it a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.67, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/49/L.71).

13. At its 34th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.67 without a vote (see para. 16, draft resolution II).

14. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.67, draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.48 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

C. Report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development entitled "Synthesis of national reports on population and development"

15. At its 34th meeting, on 13 December, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided without a vote to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development entitled "Synthesis of national reports on population and development" (see para. 17, draft decision).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

16. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

International migration and development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the continuing validity of the principles set forth in the instruments regarding the international protection of human rights, in particular in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 10/ the

10/ Resolution 217 A (III).

International Covenants on Human Rights, 11/ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 12/ the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 13/ and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 14/

Recalling its resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990, by which it adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, contained in the annex to that resolution,

Aware that, in spite of the existence of an already established body of principles, there is a need to make further efforts to ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrants and their families and that it is desirable to improve the situation of all documented migrants and their families,

Having considered the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 15/ held at Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994,

Bearing in mind that orderly international migration can have positive impacts upon development and varied impacts upon both sending and receiving countries,

Emphasizing the importance of the integration of documented migrants into the host society, with due respect for their religious and cultural background, and the need to extend to them the same social, economic and legal rights as are enjoyed by citizens, in accordance with national legislation and universally recognized human rights,

Recalling that, in accordance with article 10 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and all other relevant universally recognized human rights instruments, all Governments, particularly those of receiving countries, must recognize the vital importance of family reunification and promote its integration into their national legislation in order to ensure the protection of the unity of the families of documented migrants,

Welcoming the adoption of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, 16/ and noting the broad support for the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development,

11/ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

12/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

13/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

14/ Resolution 44/25, annex.

15/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1.

16/ Ibid., chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

Recalling the recommendations with regard to international migration and development contained in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the International Conference on Population and Development; 15/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with all States and relevant international and regional organizations, a report on international migration and development, including aspects related to objectives and modalities for the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995 for discussion;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General, on the basis of the discussion held in the Economic and Social Council, to report on the subject to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session for a decision, inter alia, on the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session an item entitled "International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development".

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Report of the International Conference on Population and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/176 of 22 December 1992 and 48/186 of 21 December 1993 on the International Conference on Population and Development, and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/91 of 26 July 1989, 1991/93 of 26 July 1991, 1992/37 of 30 July 1992, 1993/4 of 12 February 1993 and 1993/76 of 30 July 1993, in which the Council decided on the convening, mandate and preparatory process of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council decision 1994/227 of 14 July 1994, by which the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Population Commission, including discussion of the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (III) of 3 October 1946, 150 (VII) of 10 August 1948 and 1985/4 of 28 May 1985 on the mandate of the Population Commission, as well as 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 and

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1986/7 of 21 May 1986 on the aims and purposes of the United Nations Population Fund,

Having considered the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 17/ held at Cairo, from 5 to 13 September 1994,

Reaffirming the importance of the outcome of the World Population Conference, held at Bucharest in 1974, and the International Conference on Population, held at Mexico City in 1984, and acknowledging fully the integrated approach taken during the International Conference on Population and Development, which recognizes the interrelationship among population, sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

Recognizing that the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 18/ is the sovereign right of every country, in accordance with its national laws and development priorities, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its peoples and in conformity with universally recognized international human rights,

Expressing its belief in the contribution that the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development will make to the forthcoming World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), in particular with regard to the call for a greater investment in people and for the empowerment of women to ensure their full participation at all levels in the social, economic and political lives of their communities,

Expressing its satisfaction at the fact that the International Conference on Population and Development and its preparatory process enabled the full and active involvement of States Members of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, of observers and various intergovernmental organizations and of representatives of non-governmental organizations representing all regions of the world,

Expressing its profound gratitude to the Government and people of Egypt for the hospitality extended to the participants at the Conference and for the facilities, staff and services placed at their disposal,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the International Conference on Population and Development; 17/

2. Endorses the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development; 18/ adopted on 13 September 1994;

17/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1.

18/ Ibid., chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

3. Acknowledges the contribution made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Conference to the successful organization of the Conference;

4. Affirms that, in the implementation of the Programme of Action, Governments should commit themselves at the highest political level to achieving its goals and objectives, which reflect a new, integrated approach to population and development, and take a lead role in coordinating the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of follow-up actions;

5. Calls upon all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other major groups concerned with population and development issues, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians and other community leaders, to give the widest possible dissemination to the Programme of Action and to seek public support for its goals, objectives and actions;

6. Fully acknowledges that the factors of population, health, education, poverty, patterns of production and consumption, empowerment of women and the environment are closely interconnected and should be considered through an integrated approach, and that the follow-up to the Conference must reflect this fact;

7. Urges all countries to consider their current spending priorities with a view to making additional contributions for the implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the provisions of chapters XIII and XIV of the Programme of Action and the economic constraints faced by developing countries, in particular the least developed among them;

8. Acknowledges the importance of the subregional and regional activities undertaken during the preparations for the Conference, including the regional strategies, plans and declarations adopted as part of that process, and invites the regional commissions, other regional and subregional organizations and the development banks to examine the results of the Conference within their respective mandates, for the follow-up and implementation of the Programme of Action at the regional level;

9. Emphasizes that international cooperation in the field of population and development is essential for the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Conference, and in this context calls upon the international community to provide, both bilaterally and multilaterally, adequate and substantial support and assistance for population and development activities, including through the United Nations Population Fund and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies that will be involved in the implementation, at all levels, of the Programme of Action;

10. Calls upon the organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies to undertake the actions required to give full and effective support to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

11. Emphasizes the need to maintain and enhance effective partnership with non-governmental groups and organizations so as to ensure their continued contributions and cooperation within all aspects of population and development, and urges all countries to establish appropriate national follow-up mechanisms, in partnership with non-governmental organizations, community groups and representatives of the media and the academic community, and to seek the support of parliamentarians, so as to ensure the full implementation of the Programme of Action;

12. Recognizes the importance of South-South cooperation in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

13. Also recognizes that the effective implementation of the Programme of Action will require an increased commitment of financial resources, both domestically and externally, and in this context calls upon the developed countries to complement the national financial efforts of developing countries on population and development and intensify their efforts to transfer new and additional resources to the developing countries, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action, in order to ensure that population and development objectives and goals are met;

14. Acknowledges that countries with economies in transition should receive temporary assistance for population and development activities in view of the difficult economic and social problems faced by these countries at present, and therefore suggests that the specialized agencies and all related organizations of the United Nations system should adjust, on this basis, their programmes and activities in line with the Programme of Action and take appropriate measures to ensure its full and effective implementation;

15. Emphasizes the importance of the early identification and allocation of financial resources by all members of the international community, including regional financial institutions, to enable them to fulfil their commitments with regard to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to consult with the various bodies of the United Nations system, as well as with international financial institutions and various bilateral aid organizations and agencies, with a view to promoting an exchange of information among them on the requirements for international assistance, reviewing on a regular basis the specific needs of countries in the field of population and development and maximizing the availability of resources and their most effective utilization;

17. Invites the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources are provided for the Conference follow-up activities of the United Nations Secretariat during 1995;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare periodic reports for the substantive sessions of the Economic and Social Council on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action and to promote the exchange of information on the requirements for international assistance among the members of the donor community;

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19. Urges the international community to promote a supportive international economic environment by adopting favourable macroeconomic policies for promoting sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

20. Stresses the importance of continued and enhanced cooperation and coordination by all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

21. Emphasizes the need for follow-up activities relating to the Conference and the Programme of Action so as to utilize, to the fullest extent possible, existing capacity within the United Nations system in the area of population and development, including the Population Commission, the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund, as well as other organizations, programmes and funds of the United Nations and the specialized agencies whose support and commitment are required for the successful implementation of the full range of activities outlined in the Programme of Action;

22. Requests the specialized agencies and all related organizations of the United Nations system to review and, where necessary, adjust their programmes and activities in line with the Programme of Action and take appropriate measures to ensure its full and effective implementation, taking into account the specific needs of developing countries, and invites them to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995 for coordination purposes and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session for policy implications;

23. Decides that the General Assembly, through its role in policy formulation, the Economic and Social Council, through its role in overall guidance and coordination, in accordance with Assembly resolution 48/162, and a revitalized Population Commission shall constitute a three-tiered intergovernmental mechanism that will play the primary role in the follow-up to the implementation of the Programme of Action, keeping in mind the need to develop a common framework for a coherent follow-up to United Nations summits and conferences, and to this end:

(a) The General Assembly, being the highest intergovernmental mechanism for the formulation and appraisal of policy on matters relating to the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development, will organize a regular review of the implementation of the Programme of Action;

(b) The Economic and Social Council, in assisting the General Assembly, will promote an integrated approach, provide system-wide coordination and guidance in the monitoring of the implementation of the Programme of Action and make recommendations thereon;

(c) The revitalized Population Commission, as a functional commission assisting the Economic and Social Council, will monitor, review and assess the implementation of the Programme of Action at the national, regional and international levels and advise the Council thereon;

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24. Also decides that, to emphasize the new and comprehensive approach to population and development embodied in the Programme of Action, the revitalized Population Commission shall be renamed the Commission on Population and Development;

25. Further decides that the Commission on Population and Development shall meet on an annual basis, beginning in 1996;

26. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council review, at its substantive session of 1995, the Commission's terms of reference and mandate so as to bring them fully into line with the provisions of paragraph 23 (c);

27. Also recommends that the Economic and Social Council, pursuant to the decisions made on the terms of reference and enhanced mandate of the revitalized Commission, should consider at its substantive session of 1995 the composition of the Commission, in order to ensure that the Commission fully fulfils its functions as provided in paragraph 23, taking into account the integrated multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach of the Programme of Action as well as the membership of the other functional commissions of the Council;

28. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1995, to consider:

(a) The establishment of a separate executive board of the United Nations Population Fund;

(b) The submission of recommendations to the Secretary-General concerning secretariat support and coordination arrangements for the United Nations system;

(c) The submission of recommendations to the Secretary-General regarding the establishment of an appropriate inter-agency coordination, collaboration and harmonization mechanism for the implementation of the Programme of Action;

29. Also requests the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1995, to review the reporting procedures within the United Nations system regarding population and development issues, including a quinquennial review and appraisal of the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action, in order to ensure full support for its implementation, bearing in mind the reporting procedures for all United Nations conferences in the economic and social field;

30. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with States, to prepare a report on institutional follow-up issues and reporting procedures in the United Nations system, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995;

31. Requests the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To discuss the relevant matters concerning the implementation of population and development programmes, as well as matters concerning harmonization, cooperation and collaboration within the United Nations system regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action;

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(b) To discuss the reports submitted by the different bodies and organs on various matters related to the Programme of Action;

32. Invites the governing body of the United Nations Population Fund to oversee, on a regular basis, the response of the Fund to the needs of countries regarding activities to strengthen national population and development programmes, including the specific requests from developing countries for assistance in the preparation of national reports, within its area of competence, and to report to the Economic and Social Council on this matter;

33. Calls upon the programmes of the United Nations system and the regional commissions and funds to provide their full and active support to the implementation of the Programme of Action, particularly at the field level, through the United Nations resident coordinator system, and invites the relevant specialized agencies to do the same;

34. Requests the Commission on Population and Development, at its twenty-eighth session, to review, within its area of competence, the Programme of Action and its implications and to transmit its views to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995;

35. Requests the Secretary-General to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

36. Decides to include in the agenda of its forthcoming sessions, within existing clusters, an item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development".

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17. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference
on Population and Development entitled "Synthesis of national
reports on population and development"

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development entitled "Synthesis of national reports on population and Development". 19/
