DRAFT REPORT ON THE ANNUAL SESSION

Addendum

VI. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND
PROGRAMME-LEVEL ACTIVITIES

E. Global Initiative on Contraceptive Requirements
and Logistics Management Needs in Developing
Countries in the 1990s

1. The Director of the Technical and Evaluation Division introduced the Executive Director's report on the Global Initiative on Contraceptive Requirements and Logistics Management Needs in Developing Countries in the 1990s (document DP/1994/47). He noted that the report was divided into two sections. The first section contained an update of the estimates of global contraceptive requirements, including condom requirements for HIV/AIDS prevention, for the period 1994 to 2005; the second section contained a progress report on the activities of the Global Initiative. He noted that the new estimates of contraceptive requirements were higher than previous estimates and drew attention to the fact that more detailed information on global requirements was available in the recently published UNFPA Technical Report No. 18. Finally, he briefly described the nine in-depth countries studies that had already been completed, and the further three studies that were being planned.
2. Delegations welcomed the report and expressed their strong support and encouragement for the activities of the Global Initiative, endorsing its continuation in 1994 and 1995. A number of delegations expressed their desire to receive further information, in due course, on what concrete actions had been taken in countries in response to the recommendations of the in-depth country studies. There was also general support for the view that future estimates of contraceptive requirements should be based, to the extent possible, on unmet needs methodologies rather than on the basis of demographic projections. A number of delegations noted the importance of widely disseminating, and translating, as appropriate, the reports of these studies.

3. In regard to global contraceptive requirements, a number of delegations were pleased to note that new figures included estimates for unmarried women, as well as estimates of condoms for HIV/AIDS prevention prepared by the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS (WHO/GPA). Some delegations also noted the need for UNFPA to continue to support the local production of contraceptives in countries where sufficient demand existed and where such production was feasible. A number of questions were also raised as to the sources of supply, and how such global figures were very much affected by the situation in two or three countries with very large populations. Finally, the need to pay greater attention to logistics management requirements at the country level was also noted.

4. In response to the suggestion that future estimates of contraceptive requirements should be based on unmet needs rather than on the basis of demographic projections, UNFPA agreed to report to the Board in 1995 on the appropriate methodology to be used for this purpose. The Fund also agreed to provide the Board with further information on what concrete actions had been taken in countries in response to the recommendations of the in-depth studies. UNFPA noted that sufficient financial support was available, through extra-budgetary resources from the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau and the World Bank, to continue the work of the Global Initiative until the end of 1995.

5. The Executive Board then adopted the following decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the Global Initiative on Contraceptive Requirements and Logistics Management Needs in Developing Countries in the 1990s (document DP/1994/47);
2. **Endorses** the continuation of the work of the Global Initiative;

3. **Authorizes** the Executive Director to make appropriate arrangements, through the use of project funds, to continue the work of the Secretariat of the Global Initiative for a further two-year period;

4. **Requests** the Executive Director to submit to the Executive Board in 1995 a status report on the Global Initiative as well as proposals for continuing its work beyond 1995, if necessary.

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