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**DRAFT DECISIONS ON MATTERS REFERRED BY
THE PLENARY TO THE DRAFTING GROUP**

Addendum

Draft decision on African Demographic Training Institutes
Submitted by Lesotho *
(agenda item 6)

The Governing Council,

Recalling Economic Commission for Africa conference of Ministers resolution 367 (XIV) of 28 March, 1979, which, inter alia, requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission to start negotiations with the host governments to modify the statutes governing the Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS) and the Institut de Formation et de Recherche Demographiques (IFORD) to make them regional in character and to enable all the countries served by the institutes to take full part in their management and financial support,

Recalling further General Assembly decision 37/444 of 21 December, 1972, which approved the new statutes of both institutes,

Taking note of the generally expressed need by the Demographer's Committee of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers for facilities for middle-level training,

Aware of the continued need of African countries for Demographers and of expertise to ensure the integration of population variables in African development (planning).

Taking note of the precarious financial state of IFORD consequent to regionalization which is due to the insufficiency and irregularity in the receipt of contributions from the Member States,

Taking note also of the issues raised by United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) Evaluation Missions and the efforts being made to resolve them,

Concerned about the reduction in UNFPA funding of the training institutes and the poor prospects for future funding of the institutes,

Conscious of the economic crisis of unprecedented proportions which the African countries are experiencing and the efforts which they are making to overcome this crisis and the need of these countries for increased international support,

(1) Takes note with appreciation the support extended to the Africa Institute by UNFPA;

(2) Approves the continued financial support of the UNFPA to IFORD and RIPS at their 1983 levels until such time as contribution from participating member states is sufficient to support the activities of the institute;

(3) Urges African Governments to strive for increased contribution to the institute, in particular prompt payment of their assessed contributions in order to enable the institute to be self-supporting in near future;

(4) Requests the Executive Director for UNFPA to submit a report at the 33rd session of UNDP Governing Council on the steps being taken to transfer the responsibilities for the activities of the Institute to participating member states.