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Report of the Executive Director on  
the implications of the recommendations of the  
International Conference on Population, 1984, for the  
activities of UNFPA

Addendum

Further information on developments in regard to the  
implications of the recommendations of the International  
Conference on Population, 1984, for the activities of UNFPA

1. In pursuance of General Assembly resolution 39/228, paragraph 13, the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation has appointed a Steering Committee comprising the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs, the Under-Secretary-General for Technical Co-operation for Development, the Executive Director of UNFPA, and himself to initiate and supervise the preparation of the report of the Secretary-General called for in the resolution. Under the authority of the Steering Committee, a Working Group of senior officials of the units and organizations concerned has been given the task of preparing the report.
2. The Economic and Social Council, at its 1985 spring session, adopted a resolution, proposed by the Population Commission, on Implications of the Recommendations of the International Conference on Population, 1984 (resolution 1985/4 of 28 May 1985). The resolution, inter alia,

"Welcomes the information provided by the representatives of the Secretary-General on the plans for carrying out the task entrusted to him in paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 39/228;

"Requests the Secretary-General, in carrying out this task, to take into account the views expressed by the Population Commission on the need for:

"(a) Assessing the performance, achievements and effectiveness of the work of the United Nations system relating to research on demographic developments, formulation of population policies and provision of financial support and technical assistance for population activities;

"(b) Consistency in policy guidelines of different organizations within the United Nations system, taking into account the distinctive role of each body;

"(c) Improved communication, co-operation and co-ordination in population matters between the different organizations;

"(d) Delivering population assistance to countries which request it, with efficiency and effectiveness;

"Invites the Secretary-General further, in carrying out this task, to avail himself of the advice of members of the Population Commission, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, the specialized agencies and, as appropriate, related non-governmental organizations and experts in population and other relevant matters."

3. A draft outline of the Report has now been agreed upon and consultations have been scheduled with representatives of the regional commissions and the specialized agencies as well as representatives of interested permanent missions. Consultations with members of the Population Commission, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, selected non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations as well as experts will also take place in due course.

4. The report is to be prepared for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its spring session of 1986. With appropriate recommendations from the Council, the report will be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-first session.

5. In view of the legislative developments and the ongoing consultations referred to above, the Governing Council's discussions on this subject will provide a useful input into the decision making by ECOSOC and GA. In this connexion, the Executive Director recalls that Governing Council resolution 1984/21, which requested him to report on the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population for the activities of UNFPA, specified that the report should deal with this issue in the context of the Fund's existing mandate. The views expressed in document DP/1985/37, in particular the reference in that document to issues and activities requiring closer attention to UNFPA are thus without prejudice to the existing mandates and activities of other United Nations entities and agencies and should be considered in the light of the distribution of responsibilities between funding and executing agencies within the United Nations system. The comprehensive responsibilities of the United Nations Secretariat in respect of inter-agency

co-ordination, the overall mandate and substantive responsibilities of DIESA in the fields of population and statistics, youth and aging, and the responsibilities of DTCD for technical co-operation in these fields, are particularly relevant in this context. The thrust of document DP/1985/37 is to highlight the need for improved harmonization of activities within the **system** in order to ensure the most effective delivery of population assistance. These issues will be considered further by the Steering Committee, in consultation with all concerned parties, as indicated in the above paragraph.

