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87/ United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Governing Council,

Taking into account the views expressed by delegations at its thirty-fourth session during the consideration of matters concerning the United Nations Fund For Population Activities,

Emphasizing the sovereignty of nations in the formulation, adoption and implementation of their population policies, consistent with basic human rights and responsibilities of individuals, couples and families,

Recalling operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, concerning the role of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme relating to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

Also recalling operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of ECOSOC resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 that set forth the aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

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- 1. Takes note of the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the activities of the Fund in 1986 (DP/1987/32 (parts I and II) and DP/1987/33 (parts I and II));
- 2. Notes with satisfaction the sound financial condition of the Fund in 1986, especially in view of the loss of the contribution from its traditional major donor, expresses its appreciation to all donors to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, especially those that were able to increase their contributions in 1986 and with particular reference to the additional efforts made by three donors in 1986 in the form of special one-time contributions to the Fund;

- 3. Urges all countries that are able to do so to increase their contributions in 1987 and future years, and to make their contribution payments as early as possible in the year for which the pledge is made;
- 4. Notes with satisfaction the proportions of assistance allocated to the highest priority programme areas outlined in Governing Council decision 81/7 I, paragraph 3 of 23 June 1981, as reflected in the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for 1986 (DP/1987/32 (parts I and II)), in accordance with the Council's previous directives;
- 5. Takes note with satisfaction of the increase in both volume and percentage terms of UNFPA assistance to sub-Saharan Africa in keeping with Governing Council decision 86/34 I, paragraph 1 urging the Executive Director to increase the attention given to this region;
- 6. Reiterates its directive that UNFPA continue to allocate at least two thirds of country programme assistance to the priority countries for UNFPA assistance:
- 7. <u>Urges</u> that steps be taken to augment the resource base so that while increasing the emphasis on assistance to sub-Saharan Africa and other priority countries, support for programmes in non-priority countries is maintained at present levels, if not increased;
- 8. Welcomes the intention of the Fund as set forth in the new Executive Director's 26 May 1987 statement to the Council to conduct a wide-ranging review and assessment of accumulated population experience in key areas, as well as of UNFPA field and headquarters operations, in order to improve further the quality, impact, effectiveness and outreach of all UNFPA-assisted programmes and projects; and requests the Executive Director to include information on the review and assessment in the report she has earlier (Governing Council decision 86/35 I, paragraph 5) been asked to submit to the Council at its thirty-fifth session on the programming experience of the Fund using the existing set of criteria for priority countries;
- 9. Notes with satisfaction the efforts and plans of the Fund further to strengthen co-ordination and co-operation in population matters with other organizations and agencies within the United Nations system, as noted, inter alia, in the opening statement by the Executive Director, in the annual report of the Executive Director (DP/1987/32 (parts I and II)) and in the report on implementation experience relating to allocations and expenditures with the different agencies (DP/1987/36), a report requested by the Council in decision 85/19 I, paragraph 13; urges the Executive Director to continue to increase such collaboration, co-operation and consultations in population, both at headquarters and in the field, in order to ensure complementary efforts particularly in health and population activities;
- 10. Welcomes the stated intention of the Executive Director to take various steps to ensure more open, substantive and continuing dialogue with Council members between formal sessions of the Council, including utilizing the various formal and

informal mechanisms being used by UNDP and Council members; and to that end agrees that one of the intersessional meetings of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole during the next twelve months (preferably in February 1988) be devoted to consideration of one or two important aspects of the Fund's present and planned programmes and initiatives;

- 11. Also notes with satisfaction the report of the Executive Director on procedures for feedback and use of evaluation results (DP/1987/39) as requested in decision 86/34 I, paragraph 4; endorses the proposed system, requests the Executive Director to ensure the necessary resources are provided for the finalization of the system by the end of 1987, and requests the Executive Director to include information on the finalization and initial implementation of the system in her report on evaluation to the thirty-fifth session of the Governing Council;
- 12. Notes with satisfaction document DP/1987/37 on implementation experience and endorses the strategies outlined in this document to continue to improve implementation of the UNFPA programme, particularly in its support for strengthening of technical backstopping, including, inter alia, increased technical resources and the strengthening of the Fund's technical capacity, endorses further decentralization to the field offices and the need for staff training;
- 13. Notes with special satisfaction the report of the Executive Director on the strategy for UNFPA assistance to sub-Saharan Africa (DP/1987/37) submitted in response to decision 86/34 I, paragraph 2, agrees with the overall objectives of the proposed strategy and with the four areas that were targeted in the paper as priority areas for UNFPA assistance, and requests the Executive Director to make an interim oral report to the thirty-fifth session of the Council on the status of the implementation of the strategy, and to make a written report to the thirty-sixth session of the Council on the implementation of the strategy;
- strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development (DP/1987/38), endorses the proposed four-year work plan; urges the Executive Director to take all necessary measures to facilitate its full, prompt implementation including providing adequate human and financial resources to the Special Unit for Women and ensuring heightened awareness and training of the Fund's entire staff; and requests the Executive Director to provide status reports on the implementation of the strategy to the Council at its thirty-sixth and thirty-eighth sessions.

ΙI

Having considered the work plan for 1988-1991 and request for approval authority (DP/1987/34) and the report on the financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects (DP/1987/35),

1. Commends the Executive Director for cautious forward planning at times of uncertainty of available resources;

- 2. Approves the revised programme ceiling for 1987 of \$137.6 million as contained in document DP/1987/34, including an increase in the overprogramming to 10 per cent above new programmable resources of 1987;
- 3. <u>Decides</u> to raise the level of permitted overprogramming up to 10 per cent of new programmable resurces for 1988;
 - 4. Approves the work plan for 1988-1991;
- 5. Authorizes the net additional approval authority in accordance with the work plan in the amounts of:
- (a) \$30.0 million for 1988, to bring the total for 1988 to 100 per cent of the 1988 level, or \$153.7 million;
- (b) \$32.8 million for 1989, to bring the total for 1989 to 75 per cent of the 1988 level, or \$115.3 million;
- (c) \$35.7 million for 1990 to bring the total for 1990 to 50 per cent of the 1988 level, or \$76.9 million;
 - (d) 25 per cent of the 1988 level, or \$38.4 million for 1991;

Takes note of the report on the attribution of intercountry activities (DP/1987/40), approves the methodology for such attribution to developing countries as contained in the report, requests the Executive Director to report regularly on such attribution for the past year in UNFPA's Work Plan;

Also takes note of the intention of the Executive Director to submit the intercountry programme of UNFPA for the years 1988-1991 to the Council at its thirty-fifth session for its approval.

III

Having considered the recommendations of the Executive Director in regard to the proposed country and intercountry programmes and projects,

1. Approves UNFPA assistance to the 31 multi-year large-scale country programmes, as set forth in the recommendation by the Executive Director (DP/1987/L.7) and enumerated below and in table B of DP/1987/35, and included in the work plan for 1988-1991 (DP/1987/34); the level of assistance to each multi-year country programme from UNFPA's regular resources, subject to the availability of funds initially to be programmed at the lower level set forth on the first page of each document, it being understood that UNFPA would seek to provide the balance required to meet the higher level proposed on the first page of the country programme documents as its funding situation permits; it also being understood that if and to the extent UNFPA's funding situation would not permit it to finance the higher proposed level for the country programmes, UNFPA will seek to locate and obtain resources from other funding sources, including, from multi-bilateral sources:

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Sub-Saharan Africa
Angola (DP/FPA/CP/9);
Botswana (DP/FPA/CP/13);
Burkina Faso (DP/FPA/CP/16);
Burundi (DP/FPA/CP/24);
Cameroon (DP/FPA/CP/30);
Congo (DP/FPA/CP/21);
Ethiopia (DP/FPA/CP/27);
Gambia (DP/FPA/CP/7);
Guinea (DP/FPA/CP/20);
Guinea-Bissau (DP/FPA/CP/11);
Kenya (DP/FPA/CP/26);
Liberia (DP/FPA/CP/6);
Madagascar (DP/FPA/CP/28);
Malawi (DP/FPA/CP/8 and Corr.1);
Mali (DP/FPA/CP/12);
Mauritania (DP/FPA/CP/23 and Corr.1);
Niger (DP/FPA/CP/17);
Nigeria (DP/FPA/CP/19);
Rwanda (DP/FPA/CP/29);
Senegal (DP/FPA/CP/18);
Tanzania (DP/FPA/CP/10);
Asia and the Pacific
Malaysia (DP/FPA/CP/3);
Sri Lanka (DP/FPA/CP/2);
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Thailand (DP/FPA/CP/1);

Latin America and the Caribbean

Honduras (DP/FPA/CP/31);

Middle East and Mediterranean

Democratic Yemen (DP/FPA/CP/4);

Morocco (DP/FPA/CP/15);

Somalia (DP/FPA/CP/25);

Sudan (DP/FPA/CP/22);

Tunisia (DP/FPA/CP/14);

Yemen (DP/FPA/CP/5);

Intercountry programmes and projects

- 2. Also approves UNFPA assistance to the following large-scale multi-year intercountry programmes and projects;
- (a) The Global Training Programme in Population and Development (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/34 and DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/34/Corr.1) in the amount of \$3.95 million.