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Draft decision submitted on behalf of the African countries

United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 86/34/I requesting the Executive Director of UNFPA to present a strategy for UNFPA Assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa,

Having considered with appreciation the Report of the Executive Director on the Strategy for UNFPA Assistance in Sub-Saharan Africa as contained in DP/1987/37,

Cognizant of the urgent need for African countries to pursue and implement population policies and promote population awareness with a view to achieving balance between population growth and resources, development and environment,

Emphasizing therefore, the need for substantial bilateral and multilateral technical and financial assistance for African countries,

1. Notes with satisfaction the objectives and goals set out in the strategy by UNFPA for Sub-Saharan Africa in the area of population activities and the need to operationalize the strategy;

2. Requests the Executive Director to increase both human and financial resources to African countries for the successful implementation of the strategy and to report to the thirty-fifth session of the Governing Council on steps taken as well as short- and long-term requirements;

3. Requests also the Executive Director to support and strengthen training institutions in Africa in the area of population policy and development and to assist Governments in setting up training programmes for middle and lower managers at national and subregional levels;