Draft decision

The Governing Council,

Taking into account the views expressed by delegations at its thirty-fifth session (1988) during consideration of matters concerning the United Nations Population Fund,

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 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 Population Fund,

Also recalling paragraphs 1 and 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 (reaffirmed by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1986/7 of 21 May 1986) that set forth the aims and purposes of the United Nations Population Fund,
1. Takes note of the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the activities of the Fund in 1987 (DP/1988/32 (parts I and II) and DP/1988/33 (parts I and II));

2. Notes with satisfaction the new programme directions of the Fund, in particular the emphasis on quality and effectiveness, including inter alia, improved substantive analysis, strategic programming and staff development and training;

3. Notes with satisfaction the continued sound financial condition of the Fund in 1987, particularly in view of the absence of a contribution for the second consecutive year from its traditional major donor, and expresses its deep appreciation to all those that pledged contributions to the United Nations Population Fund for 1987 and 1988, especially those who were able to increase the level of the contributions;

4. Notes with appreciation the extremely high percentage of payments received for pledges for 1987 and prior years and urges all countries that are able to do so to increase their contributions in 1988, 1989 and future years and to make their payments as early as possible in the year for which the pledge is made;

5. Notes with satisfaction the proportions of assistance allocated to the highest priority programme areas as outlined in Governing Council decision 81/7 I, paragraph 3, of 23 June 1981, particularly the increase in both the volume and percentage of total programme resources allocated to family planning, as reflected in the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund for 1987 (DP/1988/32 (parts I and II));

6. Takes note of the Executive Director's report on the programming experience of the Fund in using the existing set of criteria and suggestions for modification of the criteria in the designation of priority countries; endorses the modified criteria and their threshold levels to be applied in designating priority countries; approves the aim of the Fund to allocate, beginning with 1989, at least three fourths of country programme assistance to the priority countries; and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at appropriate intervals on progress made in implementing the modified criteria and in reaching the higher proportion target;
7. Also notes with satisfaction the Fund's periodic report on evaluation (DP/1988/36) and appreciates its clarity and frankness; welcomes the Fund's increased emphasis on monitoring and evaluation as an integral part of its programming process; endorses the shift in the focus in independent, in-depth evaluations from individual projects to country and intercountry programmes and to technical areas and issues in a global comparative perspective; welcomes the establishment of an evaluation data base for lessons learned and encourages the continuation of the efforts to increase the use of evaluation results; further encourages the emphasis on training in evaluation; and requests the Executive Director to provide to the Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) in her annual report information on the Fund's experience with the system of feedback and to include in her periodic report on evaluation to the thirty-seventh session of the council (1990) an overview of internal evaluation activities;

8. Notes the continued increase in both volume and percentage terms of United Nations Population Fund 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, and with preambular paragraph 4 of decision 87/32, emphasizing the need for substantial bilateral and multilateral technical and financial assistance for African countries;

9. Recalls the report of the Executive Director on the strategy for United Nations Population Assistance to sub-Saharan Africa (DP/1988/37) which was noted with satisfaction by the Council in decisions 87/30 I, paragraph 15 and 87/32, paragraph 1; reaffirms its agreement with the overall objectives of the strategy and with the four areas targeted as priority areas for the Fund's assistance; and requests the Executive Director to submit a special report to the Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) on the status of the implementation of the strategy;

10. Notes with satisfaction the Fund's initiatives to increase assistance to sub-Saharan Africa and urges further increases in these efforts; and welcomes the Fund's special efforts under the Secretary-General's initiative for Central America as well as the Fund's continued support to all countries with demographic problems;
11. Notes with satisfaction the information provided in the Executive Director's opening statement to the thirty-fifth session of the Council and in the Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1987 (DP/1988/32 (part II)) on the Fund's activities to date, under the leadership of WHO and in collaboration with other United Nations agencies, to assist developing countries, upon their request, in efforts to fight the AIDS pandemic; and requests the Fund once again to include a special section on AIDS in the Report of the Executive Director for 1988;

12. Notes with satisfaction the Fund's continuing efforts and new initiatives, in accordance with Governing Council directive 87/30 I, paragraph 9, and as reflected in the Executive Director's annual report, to emphasize policy and programme co-ordination and co-operation with concerned organizations, programmes and agencies, notably with the other members of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy (the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, and more recently, the International Fund for Agricultural Development), with the concerned departments and offices of the United Nations Secretariat, with the World Bank, regional commissions, the World Health Organization, other concerned specialized agencies of the United Nations system, and with the non-governmental organization community;

13. Notes the UNFPA views on General Assembly resolution 42/196 on operational activities and the Director General's report on Case Studies on the Functioning of the Operational Activities of the United Nations System (GA/42/326/Add.1), which were set forth in the Executive Director's opening statement to the thirty-fifth session of the Council and in the Note of the Secretariat; appreciates the frankness of the Note by the Secretariat, and notes the Executive Director's intention to update the Council on UNFPA's views and actions in this regard;

14. Encourages the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund to continue their efforts to co-ordinate their inputs into country programmes and to assist countries, at the countries' request, in co-ordinating the two programmes so as to ensure these programmes' complementarity and consistency;
15. **Notes** the information provided by the Executive Director on the status of the Fund's wide-ranging, ongoing review and assessment of accumulated population experience in key areas within its mandate, and **reiterates** its request, contained in decision 87/30 I, paragraph 8 that the Executive Director present to the Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) a special report on the review and assessment;

16. **Notes with satisfaction** the systematic efforts of the Fund in the Women, Population and Development sector, in particular the extension of training in the incorporation of women's concerns in population programmes for staff in the field and at headquarters, as well as for their national counterparts; **welcomes** the adoption of measures to ensure that all aspects of programming reflect due attention to gender-specific issues; and **further welcomes** the significant increase of new projects specifically designed to improve the situation of women, such as training and skill development for women, measures to improve the economic situation of women, institution building and the collection and analysis of statistical data on women;

17. **Reiterates** its request that the Executive Director provide status reports to the Council at its thirty-sixth (1989) and thirty-eighth (1991) sessions on the implementation of the strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development, as outlined in document DP/1987/38;

18. **Notes with satisfaction** the publications, including the annual State of World Population report, produced by UNFPA in conformity with its mandate to promote awareness of population and related issues both in developed and developing countries (ECOSOC resolution 1763 (LIV)); and **requests** the Executive Director to ensure that basic publications are issued in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

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**Having considered** the work plan for 1989-1992 and request for approval authority (DP/1988/34) and the report of the financial implementation of Governing Council-approved United Nations Population Fund country programmes and projects (DP/1988/35),
1. **Endorses** the Executive Director's planning proposals;

2. **Approves** the revised programme ceiling for 1988 of $173.7 million as contained in document DP/1988/34, including an overprogramming of up to 10 per cent of new programmable resources in 1988;

3. **Decides** to maintain the level of permitted overprogramming of up to 10 per cent of new programmable resources for 1989;

4. **Approves** the work plan for 1989-1992, on the understanding that the Executive Director will implement the work plan subject to available resources;

5. **Authorizes** the net additional approval authority for programming in accordance with the work plan in the amounts of:

   (a) $63.7 million for 1989, to bring the total for 1989 to 100 per cent of the provisional programme ceiling for 1989, or $179.0 million;

   (b) $42.3 million for 1990, to bring the total for 1990 to 75 per cent of the new programmable resources for 1990, or $119.2 million;

   (c) $48 million for 1991, to bring the total for 1991 to 50 per cent of the new programmable resources for 1991, or $86.4 million;

   (d) $46.7 million for 1992, to bring the total for 1992 to 25 per cent of the new programmable resources for 1992.