Population, resources and environment

Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden */:

Draft decision

The Governing Council


Recalling General Assembly Resolution 42/187 on the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development

Also recalling General Assembly Resolution 42/186 on the environmental perspective to the year 2000 and beyond, in particular the section on population.

1. Recognizes that the effects of resource use, environmental damage and population growth are global in nature and that it is in the common interest of all countries to pursue policies aimed at sustainable and environmentally sound development;

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2. **Concurs** with the recommendations contained in operative paragraph 9 of section II of the annex to General Assembly Resolution 42/186, in particular the need to give special attention to population-related programmes aimed at improving environmental conditions at local levels and to the role of women regarding environment and population;

3. **Endorses** the "Agenda for Change" and the "Conclusion" sections of the Executive Director's 1988 State of World Population report, concerning the requirements to establish a sustainable relationship between human and other resources;

4. **Encourages** the Fund to extend the reach of family planning programmes in order to meet the great unmet need for such services and to continue to integrate these services with maternal and child health care;

5. **Welcomes** the Fund's emphasis on women in both their reproductive role and in their role as managers of the local environment and effective controllers of large sectors of the economy;

6. **Confirms and strongly supports** the Fund's belief that individuals and communities play an important role in the success of national and international policies as do governments and international organizations;

7. **Requests** the Executive Director to report to the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council on the progress of UNFPA programmes and projects as concerns population, environment and resources in order to achieve sustainable development;

8. **Requests** further this report to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council for presentation to the forty-fourth Session of the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 42/186 and paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 42/187.