REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

The Drafting Group, having considered the agenda items referred to it from plenary, submits the draft decisions contained in this document and its addenda for adoption by the Governing Council.

Agenda item 6. 89/__. Future needs in population, including the development of financial resource requirements for international population assistance

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 87/30 of 18 June 1987, which welcomed the intention of the United Nations Population Fund to conduct a wide-ranging review and assessment of accumulated population experience within key areas of its mandate and requested the Executive Director to provide a special report on the completed review and assessment to the Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989),

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the policy implications of the findings and conclusions of the review and assessment exercise carried out by the United Nations Population Fund (DP/1989/37);

2. Notes with satisfaction that population programmes in the past two decades have contributed, inter alia, to increased awareness of population issues, increased access to family planning information and services, and lower infant, child and maternal mortality;

3. Expresses concern at the high rate of world population growth and its social, economic and environmental implications for the 1990s and beyond;
4. **Endorses** the general population programme goals and approaches for the 1990s identified in the report of the Executive Director and urges the Executive Director to tailor these to the circumstances and needs of the countries and regions concerned;

5. **Welcomes** the convening of an international forum, to be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on 6-9 November 1989, as an important step in further delineating the major issues and needs regarding population policies and programmes in the future and **requests** the Executive Director to develop proposals for a comprehensive international population strategy to be submitted to the international forum for its consideration;

6. **Requests** the Executive Director to initiate, in co-operation with other institutions as appropriate, the development of financial resource requirements for international population assistance.