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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITS TWENTY-NINTH SESSION

Draft report

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INTRODUCTION

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 50/124 of 20 December 1995, endorsed Economic and Social Council decision 1995/320 of 12 December 1995, by which the membership of the Commission on Population and Development was enlarged from 27 to 47 members.
2. The Commission on Population and Development held its twenty-ninth session at United Nations Headquarters from 26 February to 1 March 1996.

Chapter I

MATTERS CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OR BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION

(To be completed)

Chapter II

GENERAL DEBATE ON NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN POPULATION MATTERS

3. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion of item 3 of its agenda, entitled "General debate on national experience in population matters", at the 1st to 3rd meetings, on 26 and 27 February 1996.

4. At the 1st meeting, on 26 February, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, China, Mexico, the United States of America, Canada, Italy, India, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and France.

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 26 February, statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, the Netherlands, Egypt, Jamaica, the United Republic of Tanzania, Nicaragua and Bangladesh and the Observer for the Holy See.

6. At the 3rd meeting, on 27 February, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, the Philippines, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia, Nepal, the Sudan and Kenya and the Observer for Malaysia.

Chapter III

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

7. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion of item 4 of its agenda, entitled "Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development", at its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 26 and 27 February 1996. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Concise report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, 1996: reproductive rights and reproductive health (E/CN.9/1996/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes (E/CN.9/1996/3);

(c) Report of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development on the work of the Task Force (E/CN.9/1996/4);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the area of reproductive rights and reproductive health (E/CN.9/1996/5);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources in international assistance for population (E/CN.9/1996/6).

8. At the 2nd meeting, on 26 February, the Director of the Population Division made an introductory statement.

World population monitoring, 1996

9. At the 2nd meeting, on 26 February, the Assistant Director of the Population Division introduced the concise report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, 1996: reproductive rights and reproductive health (E/CN.9/1996/2).

10. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Belgium, Jamaica, Nigeria, the Netherlands, the United States of America, Mexico, Canada, France and Malta.

11. At the 3rd meeting, on 27 February, the representative of the World Health Organization made a statement.

12. At the 4th meeting, on 27 February, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Indonesia.

Monitoring of population programmes

13. At the 2nd meeting, on 26 February, the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes (E/CN.9/1996/3).

14. At the 3rd meeting, on 27 February, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, China, the Netherlands, Canada, Mexico, the United States of America and the Republic of Korea and the observers for Norway and the Holy See.

Work of the Inter-Agency Task Force

15. At the 3rd meeting, on 27 February, the Deputy Chief of the Technical and Evaluation Division of the United Nations Population Fund introduced the report of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development on the work of the Task Force (E/CN.9/1996/4).

16. At the 4th meeting, on 27 February, statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, France, Japan, Canada, Jamaica and the Sudan.

Activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

17. At the 4th meeting, on 27 February, the Chief of the Reproductive Health Branch of the Technical and Evaluation Division of the United Nations Population Fund introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the area of reproductive rights and reproductive health (E/CN.9/1996/5).

18. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the United States of America, Japan, the Philippines, Belgium, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Nigeria, France, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Indonesia and the observers for Norway and the Holy See.

Flow of financial resources

19. At the 4th meeting, on 27 February, the Chief of the Technical and Evaluation Division of the United Nations Population Fund introduced the report

of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources in international assistance for population (E/CN.9/1996/6).

20. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Japan, the United States of America, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Jamaica, Germany, the Philippines, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Indonesia and the observer for Norway.

21. Also at the 4th meeting, on 27 February, general statements on the item were made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Chapter IV

PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

22. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion of item 5 of its agenda, entitled "Programme questions", at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 28 February 1996. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of work in the field of population in 1995: Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the United Nations Secretariat (E/CN.9/1996/7);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the programme of work in population for the biennium 1996-1997 (E/CN.9/1996/8);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the programme of work for the biennium 1996-1997: population (Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the United Nations Secretariat) (E/CN.9/1996/CRP.1).

23. At the 5th meeting, on 28 February, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis made a statement.

24. At the same meeting, the Director of the Population Division made an introductory statement. Statements were also made by the Chief of the Fertility and Family Planning Section, the Chief of the Mortality and Migration Section and the Officer-in-Charge of the Population Estimates and Projections Section.

25. Also at the 5th meeting, on 28 February, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, the Netherlands, Indonesia, Ukraine, Jamaica, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, China, Brazil, Peru, Canada, Japan, the Philippines, the Sudan, France and Nigeria and the observers for Norway and Malaysia.

26. At the 6th meeting, on 28 February, statements were made by the Chief of the Population Policy Section, the Chief of the Population and Development Section, the Assistant Director of the Population Division, the Interregional Adviser of the Population Division and the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division.

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27. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Cuba, France, the United States of America, Canada and Indonesia. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Chapter V

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

(To be completed)

Chapter VI

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITS TWENTY-NINTH SESSION

(To be completed)

Chapter VII

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

28. The Commission on Population and Development held its twenty-ninth session at United Nations Headquarters from 26 February to 1 March 1996. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

29. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis.

30. Introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and the Director of the Population Division.

B. Attendance

31. The session was attended by ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for one non-member State also attended. Representatives of specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is given in annex ___ to the present report (annex to be included).

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C. Election of officers

32. At the 1st, 3rd and 5th meetings, on 26, 27 and 28 February 1996, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: András Klinger (Hungary)

Vice-Chairmen: R. L. Cliquet (Belgium)
Elza Salvatori Berquo (Brazil)
S. B. A. Bullut (Kenya)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Cecile Joaquin-Yasay (Philippines)

D. Agenda

33. At the 1st meeting, on 26 February, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.9/1996/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. General debate on national experience in population matters.
4. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development: reproductive rights and reproductive health.
5. Programme questions:
 - (a) Programme performance and implementation in 1995;
 - (b) Programme of work for the biennium 1996-1997.
6. Provisional agenda for the thirtieth session of the Commission.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-ninth session.

E. Documentation

34. The documents before the Commission at its twenty-ninth session are listed in annex __ to the present report (annex to be included).

F. Consultation with non-governmental organizations

35. In accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the representative of the

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Natural Resources Defence Council, Inc., a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council (Roster), made a statement in connection with agenda item 4 (Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development: reproductive rights and reproductive health).
