

Reaffirming the important role of the Population Commission as the advisory body of the Economic and Social Council on population matters,

Taking note of the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-fifth session³⁰ and the views expressed therein on the progress of work in the field of population and the proposed work programme,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made in implementing the work programme for the biennium 1988-1989 and the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1991 in the field of population;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in formulating the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, to take into account, as appropriate, the views expressed at the twenty-fifth session of the Population Commission and the guidelines for the work programmes of the United Nations Secretariat set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the present resolution;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to give high priority to the monitoring of world population trends and policies, including in-depth consideration of special topics;

(b) To continue work on the following:

- (i) Studies on the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development, with particular attention to studies to promote the integration of population factors into development planning;
- (ii) Studies on the interrelationship between population and the status and role of women;
- (iii) Comparative analysis of population policies;
- (iv) Periodic revision of estimates and projections of population and its structure and of urbanization;
- (v) Analysis of mortality, in particular infant and child mortality;
- (vi) Studies on reproductive behaviour and on family planning and its demographic impact;
- (vii) Studies on internal and international migration and on comparative patterns of urbanization and population distribution;
- (viii) Dissemination of population information and further development of the Population Information Network at the regional and global levels;

(c) To start substantive preparatory work for the international meeting on population in 1994, as appropriate;

(d) To continue to work closely with Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, in the implementation of programmes;

(e) To further improve communication and co-ordination between the Population Division of the

³⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 6 (E/1989/24).*

United Nations Secretariat, the regional commissions and Governments, particularly in order to prepare the most accurate and widely accepted population estimates and projections possible, an activity in which the Population Division should play a leading role;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue and strengthen interdisciplinary technical co-operation activities in the field of population, including technical co-operation among developing countries, as appropriate, in the following areas:

- (i) Training in demography and matters related to population and development, including courses to upgrade knowledge and skills, particularly in the use of microcomputer software;
- (ii) Evaluation and analysis of basic population data, particularly from the 1990 round of population censuses, dissemination and utilization of the results and use of computer technology, ensuring technical co-ordination at the national level in the process;
- (iii) Formulation and implementation of population policies and programmes in the context of national development plans, with special attention to cultural and socio-economic conditions at the subnational level;

(b) To continue to evaluate and analyse experience with technical co-operation activities in the field of population and publish studies thereon;

(c) To prepare for the Population Commission at its twenty-sixth session a report on requirements for population specialists in national institutions and international organizations;

5. *Re-emphasizes* the importance of maintaining the scope, effectiveness and efficiency of the global population programme and of continuing to strengthen co-ordination and collaboration among the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, the regional commissions, the United Nations Population Fund and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the planning and execution of their population programmes, as well as the need for organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen co-ordination and collaboration with Member States, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental and national organizations, as appropriate.

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1989/94. United Nations support for African countries in the field of population

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions S-13/2 of 1 June 1986, the annex to which contains the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic

Recovery and Development 1986-1990, and 43/27 of 18 November 1988 on the mid-term review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme,

Recalling also the Kilimanjaro Programme of Action for African Population and Self-Reliant Development³¹ adopted by the Second African Population Conference and endorsed by the Economic Commission for Africa,³²

Noting with satisfaction the activities carried out in the field of population by the organizations of the United Nations system, as reported by the Secretary-General,³³ and especially the priority given by the United Nations Population Fund to African countries in view of the serious economic and social problems they face,

Reaffirming the need for technical assistance and financial resources for training additional personnel in African countries so as to ensure that those countries are able to effectively implement policies to harmonize population growth with economic and environmental capacities,

1. *Welcomes* the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1990-1991 in technical co-operation in the field of population;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the continued availability of funds for technical co-operation in the field of population, particularly for fellowships for training at the United Nations-supported Cairo Demographic Centre, the Regional Institute for Population Studies at Accra, the Institut de formation et de recherche démographiques at Yaoundé and other United Nations demographic centres and programmes serving African countries;

3. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to give priority to population needs and problems in Africa in accordance with the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990.

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1989/95. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General³⁴ and the report of the President of the

Economic and Social Council³⁵ concerning the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,

Having heard the statements made by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and by the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular General Assembly resolution 43/30 of 22 November 1988 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/53 of 26 July 1988,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 43/26 of 17 November 1988 on the question of Namibia and 43/50 of 5 December 1988 on the policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to assist in the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies,

Noting with satisfaction the emplacement on 1 April 1989 of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group in Namibia, under the terms of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978,

Deeply concerned that the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration have not been fully achieved,

Noting with deep concern that South Africa's practice of apartheid and acts of destabilization against the front-line and neighbouring States continue to present a serious threat to international peace and security,

Strongly condemning the continuing policy of apartheid of South Africa, its breach of the obligations assumed by it under the Charter of the United Nations and its persistent non-compliance with the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions,

Reaffirming that the denial of full political and civil rights to the majority of the population of South Africa is the result of the continuation of a colonial situation in that country,

Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the people of Namibia for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, particularly during the transition to independence and immediately after independence,

³¹ E/CONF.76/6, annex V.

³² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 11 (E/1984/21)*, chap. IV, resolution 506 (XIX).

³³ See E/1989/11 and E/CN.9/1989/4 and Add.1.

³⁴ A/44/297 and Add.1.

³⁵ E/1989/112 and Add.1.