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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Administrative and financial arrangements for the 1994
International Conference on Population and DevelopmentNote by the Secretary-General

I. BACKGROUND

1. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, 1/ section 13 (Department of International Economic and Social Affairs), contains a provision of \$1,432,300 (at revised 1991 rates) for the preparatory arrangements for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development. When reviewing this section, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) recalled Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/91 requesting the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to obtain resources for the international meeting on population and recommended the provisional deletion of such a provision. ACABQ then stated that until such time as the Secretary-General was able to present to the Committee a more complete indication of the total availability of funds, source of funding and the role of the other agencies and organizations of the system, the preparatory work for the Conference should be carried out from within the available resources.

2. The holding of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (called at that time the International Meeting on Population) was decided in principle by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1989/91. By the same resolution, the Council adopted the objectives of the Conference and approved the guidelines for its preparation. The Population Commission has been designated as the preparatory committee for the Conference. At its second regular session of 1991, the Economic and Social Council considered the report of the Secretary-General on activities to be

undertaken in preparation for a 1994 International Conference (E/1991/5), which outlined the nature of the preparatory work, including the convening of expert group meetings to address the issues recommended by the Population Commission, the regional meetings, the role of organizations of the United Nations system and organizational arrangements, and the report of the Population Commission acting as the Preparatory Committee for the 1994 International Meeting on Population (E/1991/47). The Council was apprised of the programme budget implications of draft resolution E/1991/47/Add.1, which outlined the estimated costs for the preparation and the holding of the Conference to be financed from both regular budget and extrabudgetary resources. By its resolution 1991/93, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General and, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to make full use of the existing resources of all units of the United Nations system, in particular the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

II. ESTIMATED RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS AND STATUS OF FUNDING

3. Overall requirements for the preparation and holding of the Conference have been estimated in the statement of programme budget implications mentioned above at \$5,651,000 (at revised 1991 rates), including conference-servicing requirements of \$2,650,300 (see annex). Of this total estimate, the 1992-1993 portion would be \$1,362,700 for conference-servicing activities and \$1,990,700 for substantive activities.

4. Requirements for conference servicing of the preparatory process during the biennium 1992-1993 would be accommodated from within the provisions requested under section 32, Department of Conference Services.

5. The substantive activities would be financed from both regular and extrabudgetary funds. The regular budget portion of \$1,432,300 has been provided for under section 13 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, broken down as follows:

	\$ (at revised <u>1991 rates</u>)
(a) General temporary assistance (equivalent to 24 work-months of each one D-1 and one P-3 post and two General Service (other level) posts	472 300
(b) Consultants	75 800
(c) Six expert group meetings	638 700

(d) Travel (for staff to participate in meetings related to the Conference, consultations with Governments, international and non-governmental organizations)	109 100
(e) Travel for staff of regional commissions to participate in conference-related activities	<u>136 400</u>
Total	<u>1 432 300</u>

6. The extrabudgetary portion, estimated at \$558,400, would include the following components:

(a) General temporary assistance (equivalent to 12 work-months of a post at D-1 level, 24 work-months at P-4 level, and 48 work-months of two General Service (other level) posts)	434 200
(b) Consultancy	<u>124 200</u>
Total	<u>558 400</u>

7. In response to the request by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1989/91, the Secretary-General has established the Trust Fund for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, which would be a primary source of financing of the preparatory activities from extrabudgetary resources. Another trust fund, namely Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries' Participation in the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, has been established in order to facilitate the participation of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, in the preparatory process and the Conference itself.

8. The Secretary-General of the Conference is currently undertaking fund-raising activities for both trust funds. At the time of preparation of the present report, a contribution in the amount of \$250,000 had been received for the Trust Fund for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development. Another contribution in the amount of \$500,000 had been pledged for the same Trust Fund. Other contributions are expected.

III. ROLE OF ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE

9. The Department of International Economic and Social Affairs will have primary responsibility for the substantive preparation for the Conference and for undertaking related activities, including the enlisting of substantive contributions into the preparatory process from the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development, the regional commissions and organizations of the

United Nations system. UNFPA will be responsible for the overall organizational preparations for the Conference, including the search for financial resources and the coordination of public information activities in collaboration with the Department of Public Information. The contribution of various departments and units within the United Nations to the preparatory process of the Conference are being coordinated by a Steering Committee established in September 1991 by the Director-General for Development and International Cooperation.

10. In accordance with the approved programme of preparatory activities, the regional commissions will be organizing regional meetings. The costs relating to those meetings, including expert group meetings, preparation of working documents and assistance to participants from developing countries, to be determined in consultation with UNFPA will be covered by UNFPA funds. The proposed resource requirements for those activities will not fall under the provisions of the two trust funds mentioned in paragraph 7 above.

11. With regard to the role of other organizations of the United Nations system, the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1991/93, requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to make use of the substantive contribution of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system concerned, as well as of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in the preparatory activities for the Conference. The Secretary-General of the Conference has recently informed organizations of the United Nations system concerned of the 1994 Conference and the proposed preparatory activities and has asked them to establish focal points within their organizations for activities related to the Conference. At the request of the Secretary-General of the Conference, the Administrative Committee on Coordination established in October 1991 an ad hoc task force on the 1994 Conference on Population and Development which would coordinate inputs from various agencies and organizations to the preparation of the Conference.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6).

Annex

ESTIMATED RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PREPARATION AND THE HOLDING OF THE
 1994 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(In United States dollars)

	1992-1993		1994	Total
	RB	XB		
A. Temporary assistance requirements	472 300	434 200	410 300	1 316 800
B. Consultancy	75 800	124 200	-	200 000
C. Expert group meetings (travel and subsistence of 15 experts to each of six meetings)	638 700	-	-	638 700
D. Travel costs:				
1. Travel and subsistence costs for staff for participation in meetings related to the Conference, consultations with Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations	109 100	-	15 000	124 100
2. Travel and subsistence costs for staff of regional commissions to participate in the conference-related activities	136 400	-	55 900	192 300
3. Travel of Population Commission members to the third session of the Preparatory Committee	-	-	50 400	50 400
4. Travel and subsistence costs for 12 experts as resource persons for the Conference	-	-	78 400	78 400
E. Public information activities:				
1. Journalists' encounter	-	-	130 000	130 000
2. Documentation	-	-	150 000	150 000
3. Series of briefing papers	-	-	60 000	60 000
4. Posters and information brochures	-	-	60 000	60 000
Subtotal (A-E)	1 432 300	558 400	1 010 000	3 000 700

	1992-1993		1994	Total
	RB	XB		
F. Conference-servicing costs:				
1. Expert group meetings	800 400	-	-	800 400
2. Regional meetings	562 300	-	-	562 300
3. Third session of the Preparatory Committee	-	-	462 600	462 600
4. International Conference on Population and Development	-	-	825 000	825 000
Subtotal F	1 362 700	-	1 287 600	2 650 300
Total	2 795 000	558 400	2 297 600	5 651 000
