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United Nations Fund for Population Activities

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly adopted resolution 34/104 of 14 December 1979, in paragraph 6 of which it requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of that resolution.
2. In paragraph 1 of the resolution, the General Assembly affirmed that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), which had been placed under the authority of the General Assembly by resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, was a subsidiary organ of the Assembly in terms of Article 22 of the Charter of the United Nations, without prejudice to section V of the annex to Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 or to the mandate of other organizations of the United Nations system concerned with population. Article 22 of the Charter provides that "The General Assembly may establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions." By resolution 3019 (XXVII), the Assembly designated the UNDP Governing Council as the governing body for UNFPA, subject to the over-all responsibilities and policy functions of the Economic and Social Council.
3. By paragraph 2 of the resolution, the General Assembly invited the Governing Council of UNDP to consider devoting a specific period of time during its sessions to adequate and separate consideration of items relating to UNFPA. In response, the Governing Council has made a determination to provide a specific period of time for consideration of the UNFPA matters. At the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council, held at Geneva from 2 June to 30 June 1980, adequate provision was made by the Council for discussion of UNFPA. Discussions were scheduled for a specific three and one-half day period (16 to 19 June) of the session.

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4. In paragraph 3 of the resolution, the General Assembly invited the Secretary-General to arrange, in consultation with the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC), for UNFPA to participate in all aspects in that body and in its subsidiary machinery. Already, in November 1978, the Secretary-General indicated in ACC his support for a proposal made by the UNDP Administrator to make UNFPA a full member of that body and suggested that informal consultations be held. Upon its adoption, the Secretary-General brought resolution 34/104 to the attention of all ACC members, once again indicating his support for UNFPA's membership and requesting their views so that the matter could be acted on at the July 1980 session of ACC. The ACC meeting scheduled for July was postponed to November, and it is anticipated that a formal decision will be taken at that time. In the meantime, following the General Assembly resolution, the Secretary-General invited UNFPA to participate fully in all subsidiary bodies of ACC. As a consequence, UNFPA has participated in all principal meetings of ACC's subsidiary machinery held thus far in 1980.

5. In paragraph 4 the General Assembly reaffirmed that UNFPA should continue to avail itself of the services of UNDP, including those of its resident representatives. The Secretary-General has been informed by the Executive Director of UNFPA, as has also been reported to the UNDP Governing Council, that UNFPA has shared, and will continue to share, field and administrative services with UNDP, including the services of UNDP's resident representatives, for reasons of economy, efficiency and better co-ordination. UNFPA field co-ordinators, numbering approximately 40 and assisting programmes in one or more countries, have served, and will continue to serve, as senior advisors on population matters to UNDP's resident representatives.

6. In paragraph 5 the General Assembly invited Governments to continue and increase their contributions to UNFPA in view of the rapidly growing needs of developing countries for population assistance. The cumulative resources of UNFPA currently total more than \$700 million. In 1979, for the first time and, in accordance with paragraph 31 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, UNFPA participated in the annual United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities for 1980. The Pledging Conference resulted in 20 first-time contributors to UNFPA for 1980, bringing the total number of contributors, to date, for 1980 to 85 and pledges totalling almost \$124 million. It is hoped that additional pledges will be received to meet UNFPA's target budget of \$138 million for 1980. The Secretary-General hopes that all countries, especially those able to do so, will take the occasion of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development for 1981, scheduled to be held in November 1980, to announce substantial increases in their voluntary pledges to UNFPA, increases sufficient to permit UNFPA to reach its 1981 pledge target of \$159 million.