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Addendum

VI. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROGRAMME
LEVEL ACTIVITIES

C. Periodic report on evaluation

1. The Deputy Executive Director (Programme) introduced the Executive Director's Periodic report on evaluation (document DP/1994/46). He noted that the report summarized UNFPA efforts during the biennium 1992-1993 in relation to project evaluations, thematic evaluations, Programme Review and Strategy Development (PRSD) exercises and feedback as well as use of evaluation results. The Fund's future plans in the area of evaluation were also indicated. He drew attention to the Annex to the report which outlined the findings of a review of the PRSD experience.

2. Many delegations welcomed the candour and substantive content of the report. There was a consensus that UNFPA should continue to emphasize evaluation of its programmes in order to provide inputs to sound management decisions. One delegation pointed out the importance of analysing programme achievements and outcome in this regard. Delegations strongly supported initiatives taken to strengthen the feedback, dissemination and use of

evaluation results. In this connection, some delegations recommended wider dissemination so that evaluation findings could be accessible to the entire population community.

3. While expressing their appreciation of the candid findings of the review of the PRSD experience, some delegations were concerned with the problems identified and urged follow-up action to address them. Specifically, evaluation of programme performance and capacities of executing/implementing agencies should guide programme and strategy development. Two delegations referred to the importance of identifying successful projects and programmes as opposed to less successful ones. One delegation referred to the importance of quantitative analysis of evaluation findings.

4. The Executive Board took note of the report DP/1994/46 of the Executive Director as well as of the comments made at the session.
