

of non-governmental organizations from developing countries to participate fully.

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## ANNEX

### **Participation of non-governmental organizations in the International Conference on Population and Development and its preparatory process**

1. Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council which express their wish to attend the International Conference on Population and Development and the meetings of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference shall be accredited for participation. Others wishing to be accredited may apply to the secretariat of the Conference for this purpose in accordance with the requirements of the present resolution.

2. The secretariat of the Conference shall be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation, in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution, of requests from non-governmental organizations for accreditation to the Conference and its preparatory process.

3. All such applications must be accompanied by information on the competence of the organization and the relevance of its activities to the work of the Preparatory Committee, with an indication of the particular areas of the Conference preparations to which such competence and relevance pertain, and should include the following:

- (a) The purposes of the organization;
- (b) Information on its programmes and activities in areas relevant to the Conference and its preparatory process and in which country or countries they are carried out;
- (c) Confirmation of its activities at the national and/or international level;
- (d) Copies of its annual reports with financial statements, and a list of members of the governing body and their countries of nationality;
- (e) A description of its membership, indicating the total number of members and their geographical distribution.

4. In the evaluation of the relevance of applications of non-governmental organizations for accreditation to the Conference and its preparatory process, it is agreed that a determination will be made based on their background and involvement in population issues or

population and development issues, including those mentioned in paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/93 of 26 July 1991.

5. Non-governmental organizations seeking accreditation shall be asked to confirm their interest in the goals and objectives of the Conference.

6. In cases where the secretariat of the Conference believes, on the basis of the information provided in accordance with the present resolution, that the organization has established its competence and the relevance of its activities to the work of the Preparatory Committee, it will recommend to the Preparatory Committee that the organization be accredited. In cases where the secretariat does not recommend the granting of accreditation, it will make available to the Preparatory Committee its reasons for not doing so. The secretariat should ensure that its recommendations are available to members of the Preparatory Committee at least one week prior to the start of each session.

7. The Preparatory Committee will decide on all proposals for accreditation within twenty-four hours after the recommendations of the secretariat of the Conference have been taken up by the Preparatory Committee in plenary meeting. In the event of a decision not being taken within this period, interim accreditation shall be accorded until such time as a decision is taken.

8. A non-governmental organization that has been granted accreditation to attend a session of the Preparatory Committee may attend all its future sessions.

9. In recognition of the intergovernmental nature of the Conference, non-governmental organizations shall have no negotiating role in the work of the Conference and its preparatory process.

10. Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may be given an opportunity to briefly address the Preparatory Committee in plenary meeting and its subsidiary bodies. Other relevant non-governmental organizations may also ask to speak briefly at such meetings. If the number of requests is too large, the Preparatory Committee shall request the non-governmental organizations to form themselves into constituencies, each constituency to speak through one spokesperson. Any oral intervention by a non-governmental organization should, in accordance with normal United Nations practice, be made at the discretion of the chairman and with the consent of the Preparatory Committee.

11. Relevant non-governmental organizations may, at their own expense, make written presentations during the preparatory process in the official languages of the United Nations, as they deem appropriate. Those written presentations will not be issued as official documents except in accordance with United Nations rules of procedure.

## **SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF 1993**

### **1993/5. 1993 System of National Accounts**

#### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* that the 1993 System of National Accounts<sup>4</sup> updates, clarifies and simplifies the previous System of National Accounts<sup>5</sup> and is more completely harmonized with other international standards in statistics,

*Affirming* that the 1993 System of National Accounts is a conceptual and accounting framework that is applicable to all countries,

*Recognizing also* that the 1993 System of National Accounts emphasizes flexibility, so as to encourage its use in economies that differ widely and to facilitate international comparisons,

*Noting* that the 1993 System of National Accounts completes the integration of balance sheets, thus providing a fuller picture of the resources at an economy's disposal, consolidates hitherto separate presentations of important elements of an economy, lays the groundwork for dealing with interaction between the economy and the environment and elaborates an analytical approach to the assess-

ment of poverty through the application of the Social Accounting Matrices,<sup>4</sup>

1. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the members of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts—the Statistical Division of the Secretariat, the United Nations regional commissions, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Statistical Office of the European Communities—and to non-governmental organizations, a number of member States and many individual experts in national accounting for contributing human and financial resources, for more than ten years, to the development of the 1993 System of National Accounts;

2. *Recommends* that Member States consider using the 1993 System of National Accounts as the international standard for the compilation of their national accounts statistics, in order to promote the integration of economic and related statistics, and as an analytical tool;

3. *Recommends also* that Member States use the 1993 System of National Accounts in the international reporting of comparable national accounting data;

4. *Recommends further* that international organizations consider the 1993 System of National Accounts and the concepts therein when they review standards for particular fields of economic statistics and endeavour to achieve consistency with the 1993 System of National Accounts and, when differences remain, explain the rationale for those differences and provide a full reconciliation with the 1993 System of National Accounts to the extent possible;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the members of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts to proceed with publication of the 1993 System of National Accounts in all six languages of the United Nations as rapidly as possible and to promote its wide dissemination;

6. *Requests* the members of the Intersecretariat Working Group to continue to be involved in coordinating the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts;

7. *Requests* Member States and regional and international organizations to support all aspects of the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts, namely, basic data development, the issuance of handbooks, guidelines, manuals and special studies, training activities among both users and producers and technical cooperation activities;

8. *Further requests* Member States and regional and international organizations to provide assistance and support in refining and updating the 1993 System of National Accounts in areas identified in the research agenda, including further developmental work on methodologies, research on conceptual enhancements and emerging or unresolved issues, and refinement of current recommendations in the light of experience gained in implementation;

9. *Agrees* that the United Nations regional commissions should play a major role in the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts in their respective regions and urges the Secretary-General to coordinate, at a high level, the mobilization of bilateral and multilateral resources for the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts, including the necessary support for countries and the regional commissions.

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#### **1993/6. Special session of the Statistical Commission**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* that the Statistical Commission has completed a fundamental review of the structure and operation of the international statistical system<sup>6</sup> and, as a result, has made recommendations and decisions for strengthening the international statistical system, including the following:

(a) A more active Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination to monitor progress in coordination and cooperation within the international statistical system between sessions of the Statistical Commission;

(b) Strengthened statistical divisions of the United Nations regional commissions and strengthened regional conferences of national chief statisticians in all five regions in terms of their responsibilities for statistical development in their regions;

(c) More effective working relationships between the Subcommittee on Statistical Activities of the Administra-

tive Committee on Coordination and the Statistical Commission and the Working Group;

(d) The establishment of six task forces as mechanisms for developing a more integrated work programme among international organizations in the following subject areas: national accounts, industrial and construction statistics, international trade statistics, finance statistics, price statistics and environment statistics,

*Noting also* that the Statistical Commission, at its twenty-seventh session, held from 22 February to 3 March 1993,<sup>6</sup> stressed the importance of implementing the revised System of National Accounts in all parts of the world and unanimously recommended that it be adopted, and endorsing the intention to pursue research into the unresolved issues and to work on future aspects of the accounts,

*Aware* that the twenty-eighth session of the Commission is scheduled to be held in 1995,

1. *Decides* that a special session of the Commission, of four or five days' duration, shall be held in 1994 for the following purposes:

(a) To review progress made in the implementation of the recommendations and decisions for strengthening the international statistical system in general;

(b) To monitor progress made in implementing the revised System of National Accounts and review plans for the further essential research work already identified;

2. *Also decides* that the provisions of the present resolution should be implemented within the approved budget limit set by the General Assembly for the biennium 1994-1995.

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#### **1993/7. Operational activities for development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989 and taking note of Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992,

*Noting with concern* that the results of the 1992 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities were well below expected levels and that the current trend of contributions in real terms to funds and programmes, particularly core contributions, is downward,

*Reiterating* that the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations system should be, *inter alia*, their universal, voluntary and grant nature, neutrality and multilateralism, and that recipient Governments have the primary responsibility for coordinating all types of external assistance,

1. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199,<sup>7</sup> including the annexes thereto on the country strategy note, national execution and the programme approach;

2. *Urges* the heads of the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to make every effort further to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their organizations, and to inform their governing bodies of measures taken in this regard in their annual reports;