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Letter dated 6 June 1997 from the President of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund to the President of the Economic and Social Council

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as President of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund with reference to the Board's decision 97/14 (see DP/1997/22), which was recently adopted at the 1997 annual session.

In decision 97/14, the Executive Board noted with appreciation the proposal of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to undertake a review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

The Executive Board invited me, as its President, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, through the forthcoming session of the Economic and Social Council, the proposal for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the Conference, for the consideration of the Assembly and subsequent decision on the process and modalities.

It is through this letter that I seek your assistance in furthering this request. I would therefore appreciate it if this question could be considered at the forthcoming session of the Economic and Social Council under agenda item 7, entitled "Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies".

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It is hoped that the Council could recommend that the question be taken up by the Assembly at its fifty-second session, perhaps in the context of sub-item 99 (c) entitled "Population and development", which has been included in the agenda of the fifty-second session in accordance with paragraph 17 of Assembly resolution 51/176.

> (<u>Signed</u>) Hans LUNDBORG President UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board

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