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Programme questions: programme of work for the  
biennium 1998-1999**Programme of work in population for the biennium  
1998-1999: Population Division, Department of Economic and  
Social Affairs****Note by the Secretary-General**

1. The Commission on Population and Development has before it for consideration at its current session the programme of work in population for the biennium 1998-1999. The programme of work was prepared under the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 51/219, section I.

2. The programme of work has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out in General Assembly resolutions 3344 (XXIX), 3345 (XXIX) and 39/228 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1986/7, 1989/92 and 1991/92, and within the framework of programme 7 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.<sup>1</sup> It also follows upon the work programme approved by the Council in resolutions 1979/33, 1981/29, 1984/4, 1985/5, 1987/71, 1989/93, 1991/92 and 1994/2 and decisions 1995/236, 1996/234 and 1997/220, and takes into account the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in September 1994,<sup>2</sup> and endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 49/128.

3. The programme of work has been designed to undertake follow-up activities relating to the International Conference on Population and Development; carry out research of the highest priority at the global level; disseminate research findings in the most effective manner possible; and provide substantive support for technical cooperation projects in the field of population. Relevant extracts from the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs are presented in document E/CN.9/1998/CRP.1.

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\* E/CN.9/1998/1.

## Notes

- <sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/51/6/Rev.1).
  - <sup>2</sup> Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1.
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