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Population and Development

Bangkok, 26–28 November 2018

Agenda item 6

Adoption of the report of the meeting**Draft report****I. Matters calling for action by the Commission or brought to its attention****A. Matters calling for action by the Commission**

1. The following recommendations of the Midterm Review of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development are brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) for its consideration and possible action:

Recommendation 1

The meeting recommends that the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific and the United Nations Population Fund, within their mandates, continue to support Commission members and associate members in the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the outcomes of its reviews, in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the national and regional levels.

Recommendation 2

The meeting stresses the importance of a region-specific monitoring framework and recommends that the secretariat, in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund, further develop a regional monitoring framework to monitor the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; it further recommends that the framework be submitted to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for its consideration before the sixth session of the Committee on Social Development.

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Commission

2. The following decision adopted by the meeting is brought to the attention of the Commission:

Decision

The meeting decides to submit its report, including the Chair's summary, as well as the regional overview report and synthesis report, as a regional input to the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development to the Commission on Population and Development at its fifty-second session and to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-fifth session in the context of the review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

II. Proceedings

A. Review of progress towards the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the key actions for its further implementation and the recommendations of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development

(Agenda item 2)

3. The meeting had before it the note by the secretariat on progress towards the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the key actions for its further implementation and the recommendations of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development (ESCAP/APPC/2018/1).

4. The meeting benefited from a panel discussion reviewing progress towards the implementation of the Programme of Action, the key actions for its further implementation and the recommendations of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development, which comprised Mr. Richard Maru, Minister, Department of National Planning and Monitoring, Papua New Guinea; Mr. Gavin Jones, Emeritus Professor, Australian National University; Mr. John Wilmoth, Director, Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations; and Ms. Sivananthi Thanenthiran, Executive Director, Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women, Malaysia. It was moderated by Mr. Björn Andersson, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

5. Representatives of the following members and associate members of the Commission made statements: Afghanistan; Australia; Bangladesh; Bhutan; China; Cook Islands; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Fiji; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Japan; Kiribati; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Mongolia; Myanmar; Nepal; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Timor-Leste; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu; and Viet Nam.

6. The representative of the Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women made a consolidated statement on behalf of a group of civil society organizations; the Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights also delivered a consolidated statement on behalf of several civil society organizations.

B. Thematic discussion on emerging issues and gaps in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the key actions for its further implementation and the recommendations of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development

(Agenda item 3)

Population dynamics and inequality in Asia and the Pacific

(Agenda item 3 (a))

7. The meeting had before it the note by the secretariat on population dynamics and inequality in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/APPC/2018/2).

8. The meeting benefited from a panel on population dynamics and inequality in Asia and the Pacific. The panel comprised Mr. Yang Wenzhuang, Director General, Department of Population Monitoring and Family Development, National Health Commission, China; Ms. Zeba Sathar, Senior Associate and Country Director, Population Council, Pakistan; Mr. Peter Morrison, Regional Programme Adviser, HelpAge International Asia-Pacific Regional Office; and Mr. Nuno Cunha, Chief Technical Adviser, International Labour Organization, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. It was moderated by Ms. Reiko Hayashi, Director, Department of International Research and Cooperation, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, Japan.

9. Representatives of the following members and associate members made statements: Bangladesh; China; Philippines; and Timor-Leste.

Advancing gender equality and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights

(Agenda item 3 (b))

10. The meeting had before it the note by the secretariat on advancing gender equality and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights (ESCAP/APPC/2018/3).

11. The meeting benefited from a panel on advancing gender equality and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. The panel comprised Mr. Saroj Kumar Sikdar, Deputy Commissioner, Family Planning Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India; Ms. Heisoo Shin, Vice-Chair, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Republic of Korea; and Ms. Junice Melgar, Executive Director, Likhaan Center for Women's Rights, Philippines. It was moderated by Ms. Christine Sturrock, Director, Health Programme and Performance Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia.

12. Representatives of the following members and associate members made statements: Australia; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Marshall Islands on behalf of the Pacific island countries; and Philippines.

13. A representative of the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development made a statement.

Population dynamics, vulnerable groups and resilience to climate change and disasters

(Agenda item 3 (c))

14. The meeting had before it the note by the secretariat on population dynamics, vulnerable groups and resilience to climate change and disasters (ESCAP/APPC/2018/4).

15. The meeting benefited from a panel discussion on population dynamics, vulnerable groups and resilience to climate change and disasters. The panel comprised Mr. Lakshman Dissanayake, Senior Professor, Department of Demography, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka; Ms. Chinara Aitbaeva, Director, Nash Vek Public Foundation, Kyrgyzstan; and Ms. Nelly Caleb, National Coordinator, Vanuatu Disability Promotion and Advocacy Association, Ministry of Justice and Community Service, Vanuatu. It was moderated by Mr. Mohammed Anwar Hossain, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh.

16. Representatives of the following members and associate members made statements: Bangladesh; China; Kiribati on behalf of the Pacific island countries; and Philippines.

17. A consolidated statement by civil society organizations was made. The Pacific Disability Forum also made a statement.

C. Indicator framework for monitoring progress towards the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development

(Agenda item 4)

18. The meeting had before it the information document on a suggested indicator framework for monitoring progress towards the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development (ESCAP/APPC/2018/INF/1). The secretariat delivered a presentation on the proposed indicator framework, which informed the subsequent discussion.

19. The meeting benefited from a panel discussion on a suggested indicator framework for monitoring progress towards the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development. It comprised Mr. Nofrijal, Principal Secretary, National Family Planning Coordinating Board, Indonesia; Mr. John Wilmoth, Director, Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations; Mr. Benoît Kalasa, Director, Technical Division, UNFPA; and Ms. Neha Chauhan, Senior Technical Adviser, Advocacy and Accountability, International Planned Parenthood Federation/South Asia Region. It was moderated by Dr. Juan Antonio Perez III, Executive Director, Commission on Population, Philippines.

20. Representatives of the following members and associate members made statements: Bangladesh; China; Cook Islands on behalf of the Pacific island countries; and Philippines.

21. A consolidated statement by civil society organizations was made.

D. Consideration of the Chair's summary

(Agenda item 5)

22. The meeting had before it the draft Chair's summary (ESCAP/APPC/2018/WP.1). The Chair made a statement. After consideration,

the meeting agreed that it reflected the discussions held during the Midterm Review.

E. Adoption of the report of the meeting
(Agenda item 6)

23. The meeting adopted the present report and its annexes on 28 November 2018. The Chair's summary of the Midterm Review is annexed to the report.

III. Organization

A. Opening, duration and organization of the meeting

24. The Midterm Review of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development was held in Bangkok from 26 to 28 November 2018. The meeting was opened by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP. The Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, Management, UNFPA and Mr. Vijavat Isarabhakdi, Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand, made statements. Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, Envoy of the Secretary-General on Youth, delivered a video message.

B. Attendance

25. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following members and associate members: Afghanistan; Australia; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Cambodia; China; Cook Islands; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Fiji; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Japan; Kiribati; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Mongolia; Myanmar; Nepal; New Zealand; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu; and Viet Nam.

26. The representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs attended.

27. Representatives of the following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds attended: International Labour Organization; Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; and UNFPA.

28. The representative of the Asian Development Bank attended.

29. Representatives of the following non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and other entities attended: APCOM Foundation; Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development; Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women; Bandhu Social Welfare Society; Beyond Beijing Committee; Centre for Creative Initiatives in Health and Population; Civil Society Education Partnership; Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era; Ecoforum of Uzbekistan; Family Planning Association of India; Family Planning Association of Nepal; Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka; Family Planning New Zealand; Family Planning Organization of the Philippines; Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women; Global Call to Action Against Poverty Youth SENCAP – Free and Equal Rights; HelpAge International; Indonesian Planned Parenthood Association; International Planned Parenthood Federation/Central Office London; International Planned Parenthood Federation/East and South East Asia and Oceania Region; Japan Center for International Exchange; MAP Foundation; Pacific Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Coalition; Psychological Responsiveness non-

governmental organization; Radanar Ayar Rural Development Association; Reproductive and Family Health Association of Fiji; Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia; SAHAYOG; Seven Sisters Coalition of Asia Pacific Regional Networks on HIV/AIDS; Youth Advocacy Network; Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Indonesia; Youth Peer Education Network; Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Philippines; and YouthLEAD.

C. Election of officers

30. The meeting elected the following officers:

Chair: Dr. Juan Antonio Perez III (Philippines)
 Vice-Chairs: Dr. Ahmad Jan Naeem (Afghanistan)
 Dr. Josefa Koroivueta (Fiji)

D. Agenda

31. The meeting adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session:
 - (a) Opening statements;
 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Review of progress towards the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the key actions for its further implementation and the recommendations of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development.
3. Thematic discussion on emerging issues and gaps in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the key actions for its further implementation and the recommendations of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development.
 - (a) Population dynamics and inequality in Asia and the Pacific;
 - (b) Advancing gender equality and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights;
 - (c) Population dynamics, vulnerable groups and resilience to climate change and disasters.
4. Indicator framework for monitoring progress towards the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development.
5. Consideration of the Chair's summary.
6. Adoption of the report of the meeting.
7. Closing of the meeting.

E. Other events

32. The following side events were held in conjunction with the meeting:

(a) 26 November 2018: side event on comprehensive sexuality education: a foundation for life and love, co-hosted with the Government of Cambodia;

(b) 26 November 2018: side event on leveraging on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Sustainable Development Goals to promote young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights, co-hosted with the Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women;

(c) 26 November 2018: side event on raising the bar on gender equality and women's health in the age of climate change, co-hosted with the Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women;

(d) 26 November 2018: side event on family, community and State in ageing societies, co-hosted with the State Welfare Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran and UNFPA Islamic Republic of Iran;

(e) 27 November 2018: side event entitled "International Conference on Population and Development works in the Philippines: from advocacy, to legislation, to the community", co-hosted with the Government of the Philippines;

(f) 27 November 2018: side event on a multi-stakeholder approach to healthy and active ageing, co-hosted with the Government of Japan, the Japan Centre for International Exchange; and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia;

(g) 28 November 2018: side event on population and development: role of impact capital and innovation, co-hosted with the Government of Thailand.

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