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social development**

### **Draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole**

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#### **Addendum**

#### **Introduction**

The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 73 bis, 81, 84 and 86 of the proposed outcome of the special session (A/S-24/2/Add.2 (Part III)) at its ... meeting on ... June 2000.

At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) The four paragraphs under 73 bis in Commitment 5 were replaced by the following two paragraphs:

“Increased efforts are needed to provide equal access to education, health, and social services and to ensure women’s and girls’ rights to education and the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and well-being throughout the life cycle, as well as adequate, affordable and universally accessible health care and services including sexual and reproductive health, particularly in the face of the HIV/AIDS pandemic; they are also necessary with regard to the growing proportion of older women.

“Ensure that the reduction of maternal morbidity and mortality is a health sector priority and that women have ready access to essential obstetric care, well equipped and adequately staffed maternal health care services, skilled attendants at delivery, emergency obstetric care, effective referral and transport to higher levels of care when necessary, post-partum care and family planning in order to, inter alia, promote safe motherhood, and give priority attention to measures to prevent, detect and treat breast, cervical and ovarian cancer and osteoporosis, and sexually-transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS.”

- (b) In paragraph 81, the brackets and bolding were removed from the text, the words “literacy decade” was replaced by “Literacy Decade” and the word “Mongolia” was deleted;
- (c) The two paragraphs numbered 84, including the subparagraphs, were deleted;
- (d) The “Note” following paragraph 86 was deleted;
- (e) The two unnumbered paragraphs under paragraph 86 were replaced by the following two paragraphs:

“Reaffirm the Framework for Action for education for all adopted at the World Education Forum in Dakar, to develop or strengthen national strategies or action plans at the appropriate level to promote its goals: to ensure that by 2015 all children, with special emphasis on girls and children in difficult circumstances or with special needs, including children with disabilities, have access to and complete free and compulsory primary education of good quality; to improve early childhood care and education; to ensure access to appropriate learning, life skills, and citizenship programmes; to achieve a 50 per cent improvement in levels of adult literacy; to improve the quality of education; and to take action to eliminate gender disparities and to assure girls and women full and equal access to education.”

“Recognize that achieving education for all will require additional financial support by countries and increased development assistance and debt relief for education by bilateral and multilateral donors, estimated to cost in the order of \$8 billion a year. It is therefore essential that new, concrete financial commitments be made by national Governments and also by bilateral and multilateral donors including the World Bank and the regional development banks, by civil society and by foundations.”

Both paragraphs were inserted before existing paragraph 85.

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