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RAPPORT DU FORUM EUROPÉEN SUR LA POPULATION DE 2004

A. Participation et organisation des travaux

1. Le Forum européen sur la population de 2004 s'est tenu à Genève (Suisse) du 12 au 14 janvier 2004. Accueillie par le Gouvernement suisse, cette réunion d'experts de haut niveau était organisée conjointement par la Commission économique pour l'Europe (CEE) et le Fonds des Nations Unies pour la population (FNUAP) avec l'appui financier du Gouvernement suisse, notamment la Direction du développement et de la coopération et l'Office fédéral de la statistique de la Suisse, ainsi que du FNUAP. Le Réseau européen de la Fédération internationale pour le planning familial de Bruxelles (Belgique) et la Fondation internationale pour la population et le développement de Lausanne (Suisse) ont également apporté leur concours. Un groupe d'experts, le Groupe consultatif, a fourni une assistance aux organisateurs.

2. Le Forum s'inscrivait dans le cadre de l'examen et de l'évaluation – 10 ans après – de la mise en œuvre du Programme d'action de la Conférence internationale sur la population et le développement, tenue au Caire (Égypte) en septembre 1994. Il était consacré au thème suivant: «Problèmes démographiques et politiques adoptées». Les participants ont étudié, entre autres, les principales tendances démographiques qui se dessinent actuellement, les problèmes qu'elles posaient et les meilleures politiques à adopter pour y faire face. Dans cette optique, ils ont fait le point sur la mise en œuvre des accords régionaux et mondiaux liés à la Conférence internationale sur la population et le développement qui ont été conclus dans les années 90 dans la région de la CEE, notamment pour les pays en transition. Ils ont également examiné de quelle manière la région pouvait favoriser à l'avenir l'application de ces accords.

3. Le Forum a été ouvert par l'Ambassadeur Walter Fust, Directeur général de la Direction du développement et de la coopération de la Suisse, qui s'est exprimé au nom du Gouvernement suisse. À la séance d'ouverture, M^{me} Thoraya A. Obaid, Directrice exécutive du FNUAP, M^{me} Brigita Schmögnerová, Secrétaire exécutive de la CEE, M. Poul Nielson, Commissaire chargé du développement et de l'aide humanitaire de la Commission européenne et M. John Murray, Chef du Service des politiques sociales du Conseil de l'Europe, ont fait des déclarations¹.

4. Des experts faisant partie d'organes législatifs ou exécutifs, d'établissements universitaires et de recherche ainsi et du secteur privé des États membres de la CEE ci-après ont participé au Forum: Albanie, Allemagne, Arménie, Autriche, Azerbaïdjan, Bélarus, Belgique, Bosnie-Herzégovine, Bulgarie, Canada, Chypre, Croatie, Danemark, Espagne, Estonie, États-Unis d'Amérique, Fédération de Russie, Finlande, France, Géorgie, Grèce, Hongrie, Irlande, Italie, Kazakhstan, Kirghizistan, Lettonie, Lituanie, Malte, Norvège, Ouzbékistan, Pays-Bas, Pologne, Portugal, République de Moldova, République tchèque, Roumanie, Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord, Serbie-et-Monténégro, Slovaquie, Slovénie, Suède, Suisse, Tadjikistan, Turkménistan, Turquie et Ukraine.

5. Des experts des départements, institutions spécialisées, organisations et programmes communs des Nations Unies ci-après ont participé au Forum: la Commission économique et sociale pour l'Asie occidentale (CESAO), le Département des affaires économiques et sociales de l'ONU, l'Organisation internationale du Travail (OIT), le Programme sur les politiques ayant trait aux migrations internationales (IMP), l'Institut international du vieillissement (INIA) des Nations Unies, le Programme commun des Nations Unies sur le VIH/sida (ONUSIDA), le Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés (HCR), l'Institut des Nations Unies pour la formation et la recherche (UNITAR), la Banque mondiale, le siège de l'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) et son Bureau régional pour l'Europe (OMS/Europe).

6. Des experts des organisations intergouvernementales ci-après ont participé au Forum: le Conseil de l'Europe, la Commission européenne de l'Union européenne, le Centre international pour le développement des politiques migratoires (CIDPM), la Fédération internationale des sociétés de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge et l'Organisation internationale pour les migrations (OIM).

7. Ont également participé au Forum des experts des fondations nationales et internationales et des organisations non gouvernementales suivantes: Actinvest International, Action Canada pour la population et le développement (ACPD), Fondation philanthropique arménienne pour le développement de la population, Associação para o Planeamento da Família (Portugal), Organisation autrichienne du planning familial, Association bulgare du planning familial et de la santé en matière de sexualité, Catholics for a Free Choice, Centre for Health and Gender Equity-Change (États-Unis), Commission des églises auprès des migrants en Europe (CEME), Commonwealth Medical Trust (Commat), Association danoise du planning familial, Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW), École supérieure de travail social (ESTS/IES), Équilibres et Populations (France), Forum européen sur le vieillissement de la population, Réseau européen

¹ Ces déclarations peuvent être consultées sur le site Web du Forum à l'adresse suivante: <http://www.unece.org/pau/epf/>.

des droits sexuels et génésiques (Pays-Bas), Family Care International (FCI, États-Unis), Fédération finlandaise de la famille, Association arménienne du planning familial, Association turque du planning familial, Family Planning Association (Royaume-Uni), Fédération espagnole du planning familial, Fédération des femmes et du planning familial (Pologne), Centre flamand de services et de conseils sur la santé en matière de sexualité et le VIH/sida, ONG parité entre les sexes et développement (Tadjikistan), Fédération géorgienne pour la planification familiale, Comité national allemand du Conseil international de l'action sociale, Groupe Intermigra, IAMENEH, Interact Worldwide (Royaume-Uni), International Advocacy, Association internationale pour la santé de la mère et du nouveau-né, Centre international pour les migrations et la santé (CIMS, Suisse), Commission internationale catholique pour les migrations, Fondation internationale pour la population et le développement, Fonds international pour l'écologie et la santé (ECOSAN, Ouzbékistan), International Family Health, Fédération internationale pour le planning familial, Réseau européen de la Fédération internationale pour le planning familial, Association irlandaise du planning familial, Association italienne des femmes pour le développement (AIDOS), Organisation japonaise de coopération internationale pour le planning familial (JOICFP²), Association kazakhe pour la santé génésique, Association lettonne pour le planning familial et la santé en matière de sexualité «Papardes Zieds» (LAFPSH), Marie Stopes International, Mouvement français pour le planning familial (France), Centre national pour un mode de vie sain (Kazakhstan), Network Public Health Program, Comité d'ONG sur le vieillissement, Open Society Institute (États-Unis), PLANeS, Fondation suisse pour la santé sexuelle et reproductive, Population Action International, Population Institute (États-Unis), Pro-Familia Allemagne, ONG Santé génésique des adolescents (Tadjikistan), ONG roumaine Coalition pour la santé génésique, Programme de bourses du Rotary pour la population et le développement, Rotary International, Association russe du planning familial, Sensoa (Belgique), SOCIOUS (Moldova), Association suédoise pour l'éducation sexuelle, Société suisse de gérontologie, «You Act», Youth Coalition (Canada), Youth Group, World Population Foundation (Pays-Bas), Zonta International et Association ouzbèke de santé génésique.

8. Des membres des missions permanentes du Canada, du Danemark, de la Roumanie, de la Serbie-et-Monténégro et du Saint-Siège ont en outre assisté au Forum.

9. La liste complète des participants est reproduite à l'annexe I (Liste des participants).

B. Ordre du jour

10. L'ordre du jour du Forum (ECE/AC.27/2004/1) était le suivant:

- a) Ouverture.
- b) Discours d'orientation: «La population et le développement en Europe au cours de la dernière décennie».
- c) Séance thématique 1: «Tendances mondiales en matière de population et de développement: le point de vue européen».

² Le Japon est membre de la Commission économique et sociale pour l'Asie et le Pacifique (CESAP).

- d) Séance thématique 2: «Procréation et éducation des enfants dans les pays à faible taux de fécondité: offrir un véritable choix».
- e) Séance thématique 3: «Morbidity, mortalité et santé de la reproduction: faire face aux défis dans les pays en transition».
- f) Séance thématique 4: «Migrations internationales: promotion de la gestion et de l'intégration».
- g) Discours d'orientation: «Défis que les changements démographiques en Europe présentent pour les décideurs: questions intersectorielles».
- h) Clôture.

C. Présidents du Forum

11. Le Gouvernement suisse a présidé l'ensemble du Forum, la présidence des différentes séances étant assurée par les personnalités suivantes:

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| a) | Ouverture: | Ambassadeur Walter Fust
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| b) | Discours d'orientation:
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| c) | Séance thématique 1: «Tendances mondiales en matière de population et de développement: le point de vue européen» | Ambassadeur Walter Fust
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| d) | Séance thématique 2: «Procréation et éducation des enfants dans des pays à faible taux de fécondité: offrir un véritable choix» | M. Steven Sinding
Directeur général
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| e) | Séance thématique 3:
«Morbidity, mortalité et santé de la reproduction: faire face aux défis dans les pays en transition» | M ^{me} Lynette Lowndes
Chef du département Europe de la Fédération internationale des sociétés de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge |
| f) | Séance thématique 4: «Migrations internationales: promotion de la gestion et de l'intégration» | M. Gervais Appave
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- g) Discours d'orientation: «Défis que les changements démographiques en Europe présentent pour les décideurs: questions intersectorielles» M^{me} Janina Jozwiak
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- h) Clôture M^{me} Thoraya A. Obaid
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D. Examen des questions de fond

12. Les participants ont examiné les questions de fond inscrites à l'ordre du jour (points 3 à 6) sur la base de documents d'information³ et d'exposés faits par les experts lors des séances thématiques et suivis d'un débat ouvert à tous⁴. On trouvera à l'annexe II la liste des documents d'information et à l'annexe III des précisions sur les séances thématiques.

E. Débat général et résumé des délibérations

13. Compte tenu des documents d'information, des exposés faits lors des séances thématiques et des observations des participants, un projet de déclaration de clôture sur les résultats du Forum a été élaboré par le secrétariat, avec l'aide des «collaborateurs du Président», d'un groupe d'experts choisis parmi des spécialistes d'organes gouvernementaux et d'ONG. Un «résumé des délibérations» a été rédigé sur la base de la déclaration de clôture.

14. Immédiatement après la deuxième séance consacrée aux discours d'orientation, M. Werner Haug, Directeur de l'Office fédéral suisse de la statistique, a présenté oralement la déclaration de clôture sur les résultats du Forum au nom du Gouvernement suisse en sa qualité de Président du Forum (voir annexe IV).

15. Il a été signalé que, grâce aux bons offices du Gouvernement suisse, le résumé des délibérations serait communiqué au Secrétaire général de l'ONU pour examen.

16. Le secrétariat a fait savoir que, outre le résumé des délibérations, il établirait et diffuserait en bonne et due forme un rapport (ECE/AC.27/2004/2) ainsi que le compte rendu des travaux de la réunion.

17. À la séance de clôture, des déclarations ont été faites par: M^{me} Adelheid Bürgi-Schmelz, Directrice générale de l'Office fédéral suisse de la statistique, M. Steven Sinding, Directeur général de la Fédération internationale pour le planning familial, M. Jérôme Vignon, Directeur de la protection sociale et de l'intégration sociale, Direction générale de l'emploi et des affaires sociales de la Commission européenne, M^{me} Janina Jozwiak, Présidente de l'Association

³ Les documents d'information et d'autres renseignements sur le Forum pouvaient être consultés avant la tenue de celui-ci sur le site Web suivant: <http://www.unece.org/pau/epf/>.

⁴ Les exposés des experts et les observations faites par les participants lors du débat sont publiés sur le site Web du Forum à l'adresse suivante: <http://www.unece.org/pau/epf/>.

européenne pour l'étude de la population, M^{me} Ruth Genner, Présidente du Forum parlementaire intereuropéen sur la population et le développement, M. Miroslav Macura, Chef du Groupe des activités relatives à la population, s'exprimant au nom de la Secrétaire exécutive de la CEE, et M^{me} Thoraya A. Obaid, Directrice exécutive du FNUAP.

18. M^{me} Thoraya A. Obaid a prononcé la clôture du Forum.

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Ms. Ellen Nolte, Lecturer in Public Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom

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Mr. Martin Baldwin-Edwards, Co-Director, Mediterranean Migration Observatory, Greece

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Ms. Rosaline Frith, Director General, Integration, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Canada

Mr. Dominik Langenbacher, Delegate for Migration Dialogue, Federal Office for Refugees, Switzerland

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**Annex IV:
Closing statement on the results by the Forum Presidency
Presented by Werner Haug, Switzerland
14 January 2004**

1. Keeping up commitments—facing new challenges
 - The meeting has shown a strong commitment to the ICPD Programme of Action throughout the ECE region
 - The Forum recognized the diversity of national circumstances and the continued high relevance of the Cairo Agenda for the ECE region, together with other plans, e.g., the Berlin ECE Action Plan on Ageing
 - We recognise the rights of all individuals and couples, in particular young people, to a healthy sexual and reproductive life and to emphasize their role as important actors
 - HIV/AIDS continues to be an urgent priority for every part of the ECE region, and we recognize the necessity to integrate HIV prevention and treatment programmes fully within sexual and reproductive health programmes
 - We noted that pledges for Cairo were never fully met, and that additional resources are now required for international assistance and for domestic implementation—within the context of new approaches for ODA funding
 - The Forum stressed the importance of ensuring the coherence of our work with other international development strategies, for example, the Health Sector Reform, the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and the Millennium Development Goals
 - Enabling choices for low fertility contexts
 - Low fertility is clearly a major policy concern for the region and an increasing number of governments are addressing the issue but no conclusion was reached on how to resolve it.
 - However, we also learned that approaches to low fertility that do not protect and respect rights and choices will not provide a solution to population decline.
 - The Forum participants raised the importance of removing a wide range of barriers for men and women to freely decide on their parenting status.
 - We also learned about the importance of creating national policies that are enabling and supportive—and we heard several examples from the region which we can learn from, including models of increasing male responsibility for parenting and expanded participation of older persons
 - The Forum recognised the variety of family structures and trends in their development.

- We noted that fertility levels remain stable when there are high levels of gender equality in the economy, family and society and where partnering arrangements are accommodated and there is a tolerance for diversity in family forms and living arrangements.
- The Forum noted that there is a clear nexus between welfare state policies and trends in family formation and fertility. Policies in the region need to combine macro and micro strategies, to include gender equality as a priority and respect individual rights and freedoms.

3. Addressing the health divide in the ECE region

Common concerns for the whole region:

- There are dramatic and unacceptable differences in life expectancy within the ECE region-- mortality levels in its eastern part are endangering economic and social development.
- We noted large intra-national differences for socially excluded, migrant and vulnerable populations.
- Widespread trafficking of human beings continues throughout the ECE region as well as gender-based violence.
- The whole region is facing increasing incidence of STIs and HIV/AIDS.
- We noted that there is a limited awareness of and support for public health policies and approaches.
- We demonstrated the need to increase funding, share best practices, strengthen NGOs and mobilise local efforts.

Priority concerns in the Eastern ECE:

- These countries face weakened health care infrastructures and restricted access to quality health care.
- They also experience inequality, poverty, collapse of support systems and environmental degradation.
- There is increasing ill-health due to strong dependence--particularly of male adults--on tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs combined with poor diet.
- These populations have limited access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information, education and services, particularly contraception and safe abortion, where they are legal.

- Combined with the above, there is a deterioration of statistical data and monitoring systems and the ability to better understand these developments.

4. Reaping the benefits of migration

- The Forum recognises that the migration context has considerably changed since Cairo. International migration affects all countries of the region: it is growing, becoming more diverse and is increasingly perceived as an important resource in a global world.
- There is a contradiction between social and economic reality and policies of control. While it is recognised that immigration is becoming a necessity for social, demographic and economic reasons, some present-day migration policies, largely based on control and repression, are inefficient in managing migration in a positive way.
- Comprehensive approaches toward migration management are urgently needed. This means that migration policies should cover all aspects and types of migration (refugees, asylum seekers, economic migrants, family reunification, etc); take into account humanitarian as well as economic dimensions and include admission criteria as well as integration and co-operation with countries of origin.
- Immigration policies need to be defined explicitly and be more transparent.
- Migration and integration policies will have maximum impact if they are co-ordinated at the local, national and regional levels and if all stakeholders, including the immigrant groups themselves, participate in the conception, implementation and monitoring of migration and integration policies.
- Integration policies should include more open criteria of eligibility for nationhood and citizenship.
- There is a contradiction between the fact that international migration is a global phenomenon and that the nation state has a paramount role. Multilateral agreements are needed to put migration into a regional framework.

5. Promoting policy consistency, knowledge, partnership and advocacy

- The Forum recognised the need to improve the analysis and evidence-based knowledge for comprehensive policies;
- Conference participants wanted to address the quality of statistical data and the under-funding of surveys and monitoring systems;
- We tried to clarify the role of states and governments as defining goals, representing the public interest, increasing transparency and accountability, setting policy and regulatory frameworks and improving their coherence;

- The Forum noted the importance of a positive environment to enable partnerships between states, local governance, civil society, communities and the private sector;
- We recognised the importance of an expanded policy dialogue for political commitment to implementation of strategies and plans for sustainable development;
- Conference participants noted the need to strengthen regional partnerships for achieving ICPD and MDG principles and goals within the ECE and the world.
