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#### Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population

### Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007

#### Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Population Commission has before it for its consideration a note by the Secretary-General on the preparation of the strategic framework for the period 2006-2007. In this connection, attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare for submission to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session a strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007, comprising part one: plan outline, and part two: biennial programme plan, which would replace the four-year medium-term plan.

2. The attention of the Commission is drawn to rule 104.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8):

“The Secretary-General shall take appropriate measures to submit proposals to the sectoral, functional and regional bodies to enable them to review the relevant portions of the medium-term plan or its revisions with a view to facilitating their consideration by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the General Assembly.”

3. The Commission is invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for the subprogramme on population contained in the annex to the present note and to provide its comments thereon to the Secretary-General. The biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-fourth session. Its recommendations will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session. Also included in the annex are the legislative mandates for the subprogramme.

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## Annex

### Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007

#### Part two: biennial programme plan

#### Programme 7 Economic and social affairs

#### Subprogramme 6 Population

*Objective:* To promote policy debate on current and foreseeable population issues at the national and international levels with a view to enabling Member States to address effectively population and development issues.

<i>Expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(a) Population issues remain high on the international agenda	(a) Increase in the number of citations by government officials of Member States of findings on population issues stemming from the work of the Population Division
(b) Enhanced awareness in the international community and among Member States of progress made in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development	(b) The number and relevance of outputs of other United Nations bodies, funds, programmes and agencies as well as other international or regional organizations using data or findings resulting from the work of the Population Division to assess progress made or to raise awareness of population issues that still require attention
(c) Improved accessibility of population information, particularly the population estimates and projections and the compendium of world population policies, among government officials of Member States, non-governmental organizations, academia and the media	(c) Increase in the number and scope of recipients of Population Division publications or digital products; increase in the number of visits to and downloads from the Population Division web site
(d) Increased knowledge and understanding at the national level to address population issues	(d) Number of participants in training activities, including expert groups, who indicate usefulness of materials and discussions

#### Strategy

The Population Division is responsible for the subprogramme. The objective will be achieved by:

- Providing substantive servicing to United Nations bodies, especially to the Commission on Population and Development, and assessing progress made in

the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

- Facilitating discussion of key or emerging population issues by convening meetings of experts or government representatives
- Preparing comprehensive studies on population issues and population trends relative to the following topics: fertility, mortality, international and internal migration, HIV/AIDS, urbanization, population growth, population ageing, population prospects, population policy and population in relation to development
- Disseminating population information and policy-relevant findings in the area of population, particularly through the Population Division web site
- Building capacity to address population issues at the national level through workshops or the dissemination of technical material, such as manuals and software.

### **Legislative mandates**

#### *General Assembly resolutions*

- 47/190 Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
- 47/191 Institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
- 48/121 World Conference on Human Rights
- 49/128 Report of the International Conference on Population and Development
- 51/176 Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
- S-21/2 Key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
- 55/2 United Nations Millennium Declaration
- 57/144 Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
- 57/270 B Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
- 57/299 Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS
- 58/130 Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
- 58/148 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
- 58/208 International migration and development

58/218 Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

58/269 Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change

*Economic and Social Council resolutions*

1994/2 Work programme in the field of population

1995/55 Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

1997/2 International migration and development

1997/42 Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development

1998/7 Importance of population census activities for evaluation of progress in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

1999/10 Population growth, structure and distribution

2003/6 The role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

*Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions*

2002/1 Agreed conclusions on strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role assigned to it in the Charter of the United Nations and as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration

*Ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council*

2002 The contribution of human resources development, including in the areas of health and education, to the process of development

*Commission on Population and Development resolutions*

1997/2 Reporting requirements to the Commission on Population and Development

1997/3 Work programme in the field of population

1998/1 Health and mortality

2000/1 Population, gender and development

2001/1 Population, environment and development

2002/1 Reproductive rights and reproductive health, including HIV/AIDS

2003/1 Population, education and development