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**REGIONAL SEMINARS ON POPULATION PROBLEMS**

**Draft resolution adopted by Sub-Committee B**

The Population Commission, after studying the documentation prepared by the Secretary-General on regional conferences and training activities in the field of population, and having in mind the importance of providing facilities to Member Nations desiring assistance in training personnel in demographic techniques and in the analysis of population problems;

Endorses the views of the UNESCO Committee of Experts on Population Problems regarding the need for greater attention to problems of training demographic personnel in areas undergoing development and the desirability of a seminar on demographic problems of Southern and Eastern Asia;

Emphasizes its interest and support of other possible regional seminars or training courses on demographic techniques and analysis; and

Stresses the importance of each government giving support to, and utilizing its own resources so far as possible in, the training of competent demographic personnel for dealing with its own population problems.

Requests the Secretary-General

- (1) to develop a plan for a detailed pilot programme for the organization of national training courses or seminars as well as internships in demographic techniques and analysis;
- (2) to arrange for the preparation of a selected and annotated bibliography of recent materials on demography in consultation with interested national and international organizations and to explore means of making these materials readily available to Member Governments;
- (3) to prepare for distribution to Member Governments a manual on methods used in preparing estimates of current and future population;
- (4) to explore, with other appropriate international agencies

- (a) the possibility of including training in demographic matters in the programmes of seminars, internships and training on closely related subjects, as for example, health demonstration projects conducted by WHO, and
- (b) the arrangement of brief training courses in conjunction with technical assistance missions which include the sending of demographic experts to under-developed countries as requested by the respective Governments.
- (5) to provide other assistance, as feasible, in the organization of national and regional training in demographic techniques and analysis in particular training courses in demographic analysis in those countries where, for the first time, a substantial quantity of population statistics is becoming available.