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Australia, Bangladesh, Botswana, Canada, Denmark,  
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and Sweden: draft resolution

Future needs in population, including the development of resource  
requirements for international population assistance

The General Assembly,

Recalling decision 87/30 of 18 June 1987 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in which the Governing Council welcomed the intention of the United Nations Population Fund to conduct a wide-ranging review and assessment of accumulated population experience in key areas within its mandate, 1/

Recalling also its resolution 43/199 of 20 December 1988, in which it welcomed the review and assessment being conducted by the United Nations Population Fund of its experience in the field of population and requested that an appropriate summary of the main findings, conclusions and recommendations be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session,

1. Takes note of the report prepared by the United Nations Population Fund containing the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the review and assessment of population programme experience; 2/

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1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 12 (E/1987/25), annex I.

2/ A/44/432, annex.

2. Welcomes the Amsterdam Declaration on A Better Life for Future Generations, adopted by the International Forum on Population in the Twenty-first Century, at Amsterdam from 6 to 9 November 1989, 3/ which placed special emphasis on, inter alia:

(a) The responsibilities of the present generation to future generations, in particular in the field of population;

(b) The inextricable linkage between population, resources and the environment;

(c) The need for urgent action on problems relating to population growth and distribution, especially in the developing world;

(d) The need to improve the role and status of women so as to enhance their freedom to make decisions affecting their lives and that of their families;

(e) The need to recognize that the principal aim of social, economic and cultural development, of which population policies and programmes are integral parts, is to improve the quality of life of people;

3. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund:

(a) To bring the results of the Forum to the attention of Governments, United Nations organizations and non-governmental organizations and to invite them to implement the Call to Action contained in the Declaration;

(b) To examine the implications for population programmes of the Declaration and to further develop the analysis of resource requirements for international population assistance, taking into account the increasing demand for such assistance and the resources likely to be mobilized by the developing countries for population programmes;

(c) To submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council.

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