

1993/76. Preparations for the International Conference on Population and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolutions 45/216 of 21 December 1990 and 47/176 of 22 December 1992, and reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/91 of 26 July 1989, 1991/93 of 26 July 1991 and 1993/4 of 12 February 1993,

Reaffirming also Council resolution 1992/37 of 30 July 1992, in which it accepted the offer of the Government of Egypt to host the International Conference on Population and Development and decided to convene the Conference at Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994,

Reaffirming further General Assembly resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex to which contains the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 45/199 of 21 December 1990, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 45/206 of 21 December 1990 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, 45/217 of 21 December 1990 on the World Summit for Children and 46/151 of 18 December 1991, the annex to which contains the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, as well as the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development³⁴ and Agenda 21,³⁵ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Recognizing the particular importance of population issues in the context of sustained economic growth and sustainable development processes, and conscious of the need to give priority to the issues related to population and development,

Aware of the political impetus given to the issue of population on the international agenda since the decision of the United Nations to hold a conference on population,

Noting the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund as Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development and of the Director of the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the Secretariat as Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference,

Stressing the need for the intergovernmental preparatory process for the International Conference on Population and Development to be completed before the holding of the Conference itself,

1. *Recommends* that the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development be made a subsidiary body of the General Assembly, without prejudice to current arrangements for participation in the International Conference on Population and Development and its preparatory process and, in that context, decides that the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session shall be submitted, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, to be considered under the item entitled "International Conference on Population and Development", as stipulated in General Assembly resolution 47/176;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development to prepare for the information of delegations, by February 1994, the first draft of the final substantive document of the Conference, taking into account the views expressed by participants during the second session of the Preparatory Committee and the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* to extend the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference by one week, starting on 4 April 1994, and to ensure that adequate facilities are

available for it, all within the approved budget limit set by the General Assembly for the biennium 1994-1995;

4. *Also decides* to convene two-day pre-Conference consultations at the venue of the Conference;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* for the extrabudgetary contributions to the trust funds established to assist developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, in preparing for and participating fully and effectively in the Conference and its preparatory process, and invites all Member States and organizations in a position to do so to support these trust funds further;

6. *Reaffirms* the significance of the media, and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to promote the objectives and activities of the Conference;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development, to include in the report referred to in paragraph 20 of General Assembly resolution 47/176 an annotated outline of the final document of the Conference, as well as information on the implementation of the present resolution.

*46th plenary meeting
30 July 1993*