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The Economic and Social Council,


Recalling also the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, in particular chapter X on international migration;2

Recalling further the relevant provisions contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development4 and the Programme of Action1 of the World Summit for Social Development and in the Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women;5

Having considered the concise report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, 1997: international migration and development;7

Taking note of the activities of the Working Group on International Migration of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force on Basic Social Services for All, as presented in the report of the Task Force;4

1. Urges both the Statistics Division and the Population Division of the Secretariat, along with the regional commissions, other relevant United Nations and intergovernmental organizations and Governments providing technical assistance in statistics, to collaborate in the dissemination of the new set of recommendations on statistics of international migration6 and to provide, at the request of Governments, technical assistance in implementing these recommendations;

2. Calls upon the Working Group on International Migration of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force on Basic Social Services for All to ensure that international migration remains a topic of concentration in its follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development, inter alia, by compiling a comprehensive list of issues related to international migration and development and identifying the intergovernmental mechanisms available to address them, to be submitted to the Commission on Population and Development at its thirty-first session;

3. Calls upon all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations to collaborate and coordinate their efforts, making full use of the expertise of existing organizations, in examining international migration and development;

4. Calls upon Governments and intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations to promote and expand the exchange of information and experiences regarding international migration and development in appropriate bilateral, multilateral, regional and interregional forums.

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3 Ibid., annex II.
4 Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.