

1998/8. Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 52/188 of 18 December 1997 on population and development,

Noting the work being done by the relevant United Nations bodies and the proposed outline of the Secretariat for the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the quinquennial review and appraisal of progress made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,²² while bearing in mind the views expressed by Member States at the thirty-first session of the Commission on Population and Development,

Stressing the need to ensure that the review of the outcome of the Conference will be a coordinated process which reinvigorates and strengthens efforts at the local, national and international levels to implement fully the Programme of Action,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare, as soon as possible and no later than the end of June 1998, and to make available to States a comprehensive plan, including a timetable, for the preparatory process of inter-agency consultations, technical meetings and round-table meetings, including those at the regional level, setting out the purpose, working methods and key anticipated outcomes of each and how they will contribute to the review and appraisal report. In preparing this plan, the Population Division of the Secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund should work closely together, as they did in the preparations for the International Conference on Population and Development, and in consultation, as appropriate, with other relevant bodies and should hold regular briefings for States;

2. *Requests* that the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the quinquennial review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,²² to be coordinated by the Population Division, the report of the international forum on the operational review of the Programme of Action, to be coordinated by the United Nations Population Fund, and the draft report of the Secretary-General for the special session of the General Assembly on the further implementation of the Programme of Action, also to be coordinated by the United Nations Population Fund, all of which are to be prepared for the Commission on Population and Development at its thirty-second session, should focus on, *inter alia*:

(a) Analysis of key successes and constraints as well as lessons learned in developing effective strategies and actions in the implementation of the Programme of Action and changes in policy, programmes and resource allocations at the

national and international levels towards a more comprehensive achievement of the goals of the Conference;

(b) Strengthening of coordination throughout the United Nations system and between the United Nations system, Governments and other actors, such as the multilateral development banks and civil society;

(c) Domestic, bilateral and multilateral resources made available as of 31 December 1998, estimates of resources expected to be made available as of 31 December 1999, examples of effective and efficient use made of available resources and circumstances for improving the environment, with a view to increased financial support from the international community for population and development activities;

(d) Methodology and mechanisms for monitoring progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

3. *Decides* that the length of the thirty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development, in March 1999, shall be extended to seven working days.

*40th plenary meeting
23 July 1998*