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**Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population**

**Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2000-2001:  
Population Division, Department of Economic and  
Social Affairs**

**Note by the Secretariat**

*Summary*

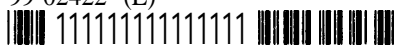
The present document contains the proposed programme of work in the field of population of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 2000-2001.

The activities include follow-up activities relating to the International Conference on Population and Development; estimates and projections of population for all countries; studies of mortality, fertility, migration, urbanization, population policies, and population and development; monitoring of world population trends and policies; coordination and dissemination of population information; and **technical** cooperation.

The Commission on Population and Development may wish to comment on and make recommendations regarding the proposed work programme described below.

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1. The proposed programme of work in the field of population for the biennium 2000-2001, contained in the annex to the present document, is submitted for the consideration of the Commission on Population and Development, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 52/220 (sect. I, para. 7), in which the Assembly stressed the role of the relevant intergovernmental bodies in the consideration of the narrative of the proposed programme budget, as well as the necessity for a timely presentation of their recommendations on the budget.
2. The proposed programme of work has been formulated within the framework of subprogramme 28.6, Population, of programme 28, Economic and social affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001. It is also designed to take into account the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the outcomes of other relevant conferences.
3. The Commission is invited to comment and make recommendations, as appropriate, on the proposed programme of work bearing in mind that it will be reviewed subsequently by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions which will submit their recommendations to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.
4. The subprogramme will be carried out by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The orientation of the Department is towards strengthening the role of the Organization in the promotion of international cooperation for development in the economic, social and environmental and related fields especially within the context of globalization.

## Annex

### Proposed programme of work in the field of population for the biennium 2000-2001

1. The subprogramme will enhance substantive support to and servicing of such intergovernmental bodies as the Commission on Population and Development, as well as related work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council through the preparation of high-quality documentation, analytical work and facilitation of **consensus-building** and policy development. Expected results will include monitoring progress towards the achievement of the goals set out in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development” as well as analysing and investigating new policy issues and global trends in the field of population and development. The subprogramme will support the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action and to be further highlighted at the special session of the Assembly to be held from 30 June to 2 July 1999, which will review progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action during the first **five** years. In particular, the activities will include monitoring progress towards the achievement of the goals set out in the Programme of Action, as well as analysing and investigating new policy issues and emerging global trends in the field of population and development.

2. Documentation and substantive services will be provided to the Commission on Population and Development, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, according to the programme of work of the Population Division under the medium-term **plan**,<sup>b</sup> and as mandated. Analytical reports will be produced on the thematic issues before the Commission in 2000 and 2001.

3. A major focus **of the** subprogramme will be to provide accurate and timely information and analyses of population trends and policies. The official United Nations demographic estimates and projections will be prepared for all countries and areas of the world, as well as urban and rural areas and major cities, and will serve as the standard and consistent set of population figures for use throughout the United Nations system.

4. International migration, mortality and the demographic impacts of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) are three critical emerging issues that will be addressed. Other priority areas for analysis will be national population policies, and the relationships among population dynamics and development issues.

5. The activities in this subprogramme will increase Member States’ capacity to formulate national population and related policies for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. Through the provision of technical cooperation, the subprogramme will assist Governments in improving their institutional capabilities for the collection and analysis of national population information and for the formulation of national population and related policies and programmes. As part of the follow-up to the Conference, the subprogramme will strengthen and expand the distribution of electronic population information in order to respond effectively to requests and to support coordination among the United Nations entities in the field of population.

## Activities

6. During the biennium, the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (regular budget/extrabudgetary (RB/XB)):

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: Second Committee of the General Assembly (4 meetings); Economic and Social Council (4 meetings); Commission on Population and Development (22 meetings); and inter-sessional meetings of the Bureau of the Commission (8 meetings);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: six reports to the Commission on Population and Development on world population monitoring (two); progress reports on activities in the field of population (two); proposed programme of work in the field of population for 2000-2001; and report on world demographic trends;

(iii) Ad hoc expert group meetings on emerging issues in population (two);

(b) Other substantive activities (RB/XB):

(i) Recurrent publications: *World Population Prospects* (three volumes); *World Urbanization Prospects*; report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections at its twenty-first session; global population policy country tables; *Population Policy Diskette Documentation*; population and development database documentation; summary of *World Population Monitoring* (annual); *World Population Monitoring* (annual); *Population Bulletin of the United Nations* (semi-annual); and *Population Newsletter* (semi-annual);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: mortality; international migration; contraceptive use; emerging issues in fertility levels and trends; emerging issues in population estimates; emerging issues in population policies (two); emerging issues in population and development (two);

(iii) Technical material: databases on contraceptive use, fertility levels and trends, mortality, international migration; databases on world population trends and prospects; databases on world urbanization trends and prospects; database on population and development; *Global Population Policy Database*;

(iv) Information materials and services: wall charts on world population, urban and rural areas; urban agglomerations; contraceptive use; population policies; wall chart on population and development; provision of ad hoc information services and data in the **field of population**; catalogue of Population Division publications;

(c) International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB):

Contributions to interdepartmental and inter-agency activities in the field of population; activities of the ACC Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections (twenty-first session); collaboration with organizations of the United Nations system in the preparation of reports to the Commission on Population and Development and on the **follow-up** to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development; activities in collaboration with organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations in the dissemination of population information; liaison with governmental and non-governmental organizations working in the field of population in relation to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

(d) Technical cooperation (RB/XB):

Advisory missions to Member States and regional support teams and provision of technical support in the field of population.

**Notes**

<sup>a</sup> *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5–13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

<sup>b</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/51/6/Rev.1 and Corr. 1)* and proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001: Programme 28. Economic and social affairs (A/53/6 (Prog. 28)).

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