

General to encourage a constructive dialogue for enhancing development and to facilitate actions in that regard,

Noting also the ongoing work of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly on an Agenda for Development,

Recognizing that the continued trend towards deepening interdependence among countries and the increasing globalization of economic issues and problems present risks and uncertainties as well as opportunities and challenges for dialogue on international economic cooperation,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership;¹⁴⁴

2. *Reaffirms* that such a dialogue should be conducted in response to the imperatives of mutual interests and benefits, genuine interdependence, shared responsibility and the partnership for achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable development as well as improving the international economic environment that is conducive to such development, and that the United Nations should reinforce its activities in order to facilitate such a dialogue;

3. *Stresses* the need to put development at the centre of United Nations activities and that the United Nations has a central role to play in promoting international economic cooperation for development and in bringing development issues to the attention of the international community;

4. *Recognizes* that the ongoing discussions in the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly on an Agenda for Development and its outcome aim at strengthening constructive dialogue with a view to enhancing and revitalizing international economic cooperation for development through increased partnership among and between countries;

5. *Agrees* to hold a high-level dialogue for a period of two days at the fifty-first session of the General Assembly—the date, modalities and focus of the discussion to be decided on in the context of the outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on an Agenda for Development and the decision taken on the adoption of the agenda—on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications, and requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with Governments, relevant organizations and other development actors, to make initial preparations for such a dialogue;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit further recommendations for enhancing the dialogue, taking into consideration agreed conclusions 1995/1 of 28 July 1995 of the Economic and Social Council on coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system and implementation of the results of the major international conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,¹⁴⁵ the outcome of the ongoing discussions in the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on an Agenda for Development, and on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session for its consideration, recommendations on possible future themes for

dialogue, including the issues of regional integration and of new information technology and the global economy;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate his proposals to convene special sessions of the General Assembly, on major issues relevant to the dialogue on international economic cooperation for development, including those identified in an agenda for development;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session, under the item entitled “Agenda for development”, a sub-item entitled “Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership”.

96th plenary meeting
20 December 1995

50/123. International migration and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development adopted at Cairo, in particular, chapter X on international migration,¹⁴⁶

Recalling also the relevant provisions contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development¹⁴⁷ and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development¹⁴⁸ and in the Platform for Action⁶⁴ adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Recalling further its resolution 49/127 of 19 December 1994 and Economic and Social Council decision 1995/313 of 27 July 1995,

Recognizing the importance from an analytical and operational point of view of identifying the existing linkages among the social, economic, political and cultural factors related to international migration and development, and of taking appropriate steps to intensify the analysis of issues involved,

Recognizing also the important role of the United Nations Population Fund as the lead agency of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Implementation of the Programme of Action adopted at Cairo,

Recalling that the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council should carry out their respective responsibilities, as entrusted to them in the Charter of the United Nations, in the formulation of policies and the provision of guidance to and coordination of United Nations activities in the field of population and development,

Recalling also that the Economic and Social Council, in the context of its role under the Charter *vis-à-vis* the General Assembly and in accordance with Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991, 46/235 of 13 April 1992 and 48/162 of 20 December 1994, should assist the Assembly in promoting an integrated approach to the implementation of the Programme of Action in providing system-wide coordination and guidance in monitoring the implementation,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development,¹⁴⁹ including the comments of Governments regarding the objectives and

¹⁴⁶See Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (A/CONF.171/13/Rev.1) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

¹⁴⁷A/CONF.166/9, chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

¹⁴⁸Ibid., annex II.

¹⁴⁹E/1995/69.

¹⁴⁴A/50/480.

¹⁴⁵See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/50/3), chap. III, para. 22.

modalities for the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development;

2. *Urges* Member States and the United Nations system to strengthen international cooperation in the area of international migration and development in order to address the root causes of migration, especially those related to poverty, and to maximize the benefits of international migration to those concerned and increase the likelihood that international migration has positive consequences for the sustainable development of both sending and receiving countries;

3. *Calls upon* the international community to seek to make the option of remaining in one's country viable for all people; to that end, efforts to achieve sustainable economic and social development, ensuring a better economic balance between developed and developing countries, should be strengthened;

4. *Invites* the Commission on Population and Development to consider, in 1997, in the context of the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, in particular chapter X, the interrelationship between international migration and development;

5. *Calls upon* all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and other inter-governmental, regional and subregional organizations to address the issue of international migration and development, and invites them to submit their views to the Secretary-General;

6. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to consider at its organizational session for 1997 including "International migration and development" as a theme in the context of its agenda for 1997;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to designate, within existing resources, a clearly identifiable, qualified and competent focal point and to prepare, following consultations with the International Organization for Migration and the International Labour Organization and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system and after soliciting the additional views of Governments, a report to be presented to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session containing concrete proposals on ways and means to address, from cross-sectoral, interregional, regional and subregional points of view, the issue of international migration and development, including aspects related to objectives and modalities for the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development".

*96th plenary meeting
20 December 1995*

50/124. Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/128 of 19 December 1994 on the report of the International Conference on Population

and Development,¹⁵⁰ and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council decision 1994/227 of 14 July 1994, by which the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the then Population Commission, including discussion of the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/55 of 28 July 1995 on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,¹⁵¹ by which the Council endorsed the terms of reference proposed by the renamed Commission on Population and Development in its report on its twenty-eighth session,¹⁵² which reflect the comprehensive and integrated nature of population and development,

Acknowledging fully the integrated approach taken during the International Conference on Population and Development, which recognizes the interrelationship between population, sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁵³ on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/128 on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Recognizing that the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action is the sovereign right of every country, in accordance with its national laws and development priorities, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its peoples and in conformity with universally recognized international human rights,

Reaffirming the importance of the principles and concepts set out in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development⁴² and Agenda 21⁴³ for the purpose of implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and in that regard recognizing that chapter 5 of Agenda 21⁴³ and chapter III of the Programme of Action¹⁵¹ reinforce one another and together form a comprehensive and compelling up-to-date account of what needs to be done about the interface between population, environment and sustainable development,

Noting with satisfaction the contribution that the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development has made to the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women, and expressing its belief in the contribution that the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development will make to the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and in the elaboration of an agenda for development, in particular with regard to the call for a greater investment in people,

1. *Notes* the action taken so far by Governments and

¹⁵⁰Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (A/CONF.171/13/Rev.1) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18).

¹⁵¹*Ibid.*, chap. I, resolution I, annex.

¹⁵²See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 7 (E/1995/27)*, annex I.

¹⁵³A/50/190-E/1995/73.