

Resolution 2004/1

Work programme in the field of population*

The Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling decision 1995/2 and resolutions 1996/1 and 1997/3 of the Commission on Population and Development on the work programme in the field of population, and the reports of the Commission on the sessions corresponding thereto,¹

Recognizing that the Commission on Population and Development is the primary forum for follow-up and review of the outcomes relative to population and development of the International Conference on Population and Development and other major United Nations conferences and summits,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of the work of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat in providing the United Nations system and the international community with comprehensive and scientifically sound inputs for the analysis of progress made in achieving the goals and objectives on population and development set in the outcomes of major United Nations summits and conferences, especially the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,² the key actions for its further implementation³ and the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS;⁴

2. *Emphasizes* that, in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change,⁵ the Population Division should continue basic work on population estimates and projections; patterns of rural and urban population change; the analysis of international migration; the implications of the changing age structure of the population for development; the increasing diversity of fertility and mortality levels and trends; the interrelations among population, resources, the environment and development; and the evolution of population policies, applying a gender perspective in this regard;

3. *Requests* the Population Division, working in collaboration with all relevant bodies, particularly the United Nations Population Fund and other funds, and programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, to continue assessing progress made towards the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action and, in collaboration with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and other relevant agencies, programmes and funds, to continue its work on the impact of HIV/AIDS on population and development;

* For the discussion, see chap. IV.

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 7 (E/1995/27);* *ibid.*, 1996, *Supplement No. 5 (E/1996/25)*; and *ibid.*, 1997, *Supplement No. 5 (E/1997/25)*.

² See *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18).

³ See General Assembly resolution S-21/2; and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Special Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/S-21/5/Rev.1)*.

⁴ General Assembly resolution S-26/2, annex.

⁵ A/57/387 and Corr.1.

4. *Emphasizes* the need for the Population Division and the United Nations Population Fund, within their respective mandates, to enhance coordination and strengthen cooperation and collaboration between them to improve support for the implementation of the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation;

5. *Underlines* that the United Nations Population Fund plays a crucial role, within its mandate, in helping recipient countries to achieve the agreed goals and targets contained in the Programme of Action, the key actions for its further implementation and the United Nations Millennium Declaration;⁶

6. *Encourages* the Population Division to continue its technical cooperation activities with the aim of building capacity for population research and demographic training in developing countries, particularly through the use of new information and communication technologies.