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Proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019: Subprogramme 5, Population, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs

Note by the Secretary-General

The present note by the Secretary-General contains the biennial programme plan of the proposed draft strategic framework for the period 2018-2019 for subprogramme 5, Population, of Programme 7, Economic and Social Affairs. The Commission is invited to review the proposed strategic framework and provide its comments on it. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-sixth session. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session when it will consider the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2018-2019.

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Subprogramme 5

Population

Objective of the Organization: Improved policy frameworks to effectively address current and emerging population issues and to integrate the population dimension into the international development agenda.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

- (a) Increased attention to new and emerging population issues by the international community and increased knowledge and understanding of the interactions between population and development, including the gender dimensions of demographic phenomena
- (b) Improved review by the Member States and other stakeholders of progress made in the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and of relevant instruments of the United Nations development agenda, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Indicators of achievement

- (i) Increased number of citations of Population Division outputs, including data and written reports, in publications in the public domain
- (ii) Increased number of stakeholders downloading online publications and databases
- (i) Increased percentage of recommendations presented in reports of the Secretary-General and adopted in resolutions, decisions and other outcome documents of intergovernmental bodies, in particular in the Commission on Population and Development
- (ii) Increased number of statements by Member States during the annual sessions of the Commission on Population and Development expressing satisfaction regarding the information and data provided by the subprogramme to the intergovernmental bodies

Strategy

- 1. The Population Division is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:
- (a) Providing substantive support to United Nations bodies, especially the Commission on Population and Development, assessing progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, and following up on the decision of the General Assembly to extend the Programme of Action beyond 2014;
- (b) Facilitating the discussion of key or emerging population issues by experts or government representatives;
- (c) Preparing comprehensive studies on population issues and trends relating to fertility, family planning, mortality, international and internal migration, urbanization, population growth, population ageing, population projections, population policy and population in relation to development;
- (d) Disseminating population information and policy-relevant findings in the area of population through the Population Division's website; and
- (e) Supporting capacity development to address population issues through workshops or the dissemination of technical material, such as manuals and software, in collaboration with other subprogrammes and entities in related areas.