

General Guidelines

Activities for the tenth anniversary are to be carried out in three phases: (a) *the preparatory phase (2002-2003)* to set up and mobilize organizational structures, identify priority issues and focus on measures and activities to prepare for the observance; (b) *the observance phase (2004)*, when activities will take place and initiatives planned by Governments will be undertaken to observe the anniversary; and (c) *the follow-up phase*, during which evaluation of progress made and obstacles encountered will be undertaken at all levels to ensure the successful implementation of International Year of the Family objectives, which is a continuous process.

Activities for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, prior to and during 2004, should be undertaken at all levels: national, regional and global. The primary focus will be on activities at the national and local levels. The actual year of observance will be 2004 and a variety of activities will be planned for the occasion.