

Objectives of the Follow-up to IYF

In its resolution 52/81 of 12 December 1997, the Assembly recognized that the basic objective of the Follow up to the International Year of the Family should be strengthened and support families in performing their societal and developmental functions and to build upon their strengths, in particular at the national and local levels. Anniversary of the International Year of the Family constitutes an important opportunity to give a new impetus to the follow-up of the Year. In its resolution 54/124, the General Assembly reaffirmed the importance of the follow-up to the Year and of the observance of its tenth anniversary.

The objectives of the tenth anniversary of the Year would be to:

- (a) Increase awareness of family issues among Governments as well as in the private sector;
- (b) Strengthen the capacity of national institutions to formulate, implement and monitor policies in respect of families;
- (c) Stimulate efforts to respond to problems affecting, and affected by, the situation of families;
- (d) Undertake at all levels reviews and assessments of the situation and needs of families, identifying specific issues and problems;
- (e) Enhance the effectiveness of local, national and regional efforts to carryout specific programmes concerning families, generate new activities and strengthen existing ones;
- (f) Improve collaboration among national and international non-governmental organizations in support of families.