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**UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE, ICPD BEYOND 2014 AND THE POST-2015
DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES¹**

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A. INTRODUCTION

International migration as one of the key population dynamics has important implications for development and for people themselves. It has clear implications for the work and the core mandate of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). UNFPA's approach towards policy and programmatic interventions in this area is rights-based and culture and gender sensitive. UNFPA provides directed policy, advocacy and technical support to ensure that international migration is recognized as an important factor in development. UNFPA works at global, regional and country levels to increase understanding of migration issues and their interlinkages with development, to advocate for more reliable age and gender-disaggregated migration data to inform policy, and to promote the incorporation of migration into national development plans.

The increasing focus on inter-linkages between migration, poverty reduction and development has significant implications for UNFPA programmatic work in a number of key areas. Among issues of particular concern to UNFPA are the challenges of female migration, including trafficking and smuggling; migration and the spread of diseases such as HIV/AIDS; the provision of basic social services, including reproductive health services, in areas of destination; protection of the human rights of migrants; migration and climate change; migration and young people; and migration statistics.

UNFPA strategies in this area include building a knowledge base, developing capacity to formulate and implement migration policies and programmes, supporting the collection of migration data and research for evidence-based policy formulation, facilitating policy dialogue and strengthening partnerships to enhance understanding of the complexity of international migration flows, including south-south and triangular cooperation.

B. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2013 HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

UNFPA is collaborating with its partners in the preparations for the 2013 United Nations General Assembly High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (HLD). At the recommendation of the United Nations High-level Committee on Programmes (HLCP), and at the request of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board (CEB), UNFPA and the International Organization for Migration prepared, in collaboration with the Global Migration Group (GMG), a set of draft outcomes and recommendations on migration in preparation for the High-level Dialogue. Member agencies of the HLCP, the GMG, including the United Nations Regional Commissions, as well as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Migration and Development, the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, and the NGO Committee on Migration were invited to submit inputs that focused on a stock-taking of

experiences since the first High-level Dialogue in 2006 in promoting the developmental aspects of international migration, in providing a coherent inter-agency response to the opportunities and challenges of international migration, and in promoting the application of international standards and norms relevant to international migration and international migrants. The inputs highlighted good practices, challenges encountered and existing gaps. The inputs also provided recommendations on how to overcome the gaps, and suggested outcomes for the 2013 High-level Dialogue.

UNFPA is also collaborating with the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in the convening of the High-level Dialogue Roundtable Series to help inform discussions and advance the global migration debate. The Roundtable Series, which is led by the International Organization for Migration, is designed as a forum for the Permanent Missions in New York to engage in the themes that will be discussed at the High-level Dialogue: 1) assessing the effects of international migration on sustainable development and identifying relevant priorities in view of the preparation of the post-2015 development framework; 2) measures to ensure respect for, and protection of, the human rights of all migrants, with particular reference to women and children, as well as to prevent and combat smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons, and to ensure regular, orderly, and safe migration; 3) strengthening partnerships and cooperation on international migration, mechanisms to effectively integrate migration into development policies, and promote coherence at all levels; and 4) international and regional labour mobility and its impact on development. The Roundtable Series, which began in October 2012 with a discussion of the global migration debate from the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development to the present, aims to prepare Member States for the High-level Dialogue by providing an opportunity for discussion, exchange of experience, and networking with experts from governments, the United Nations, the Global Migration Group, civil society and academia. The Series also supports delegates in their consideration of migration in other relevant discussions, including the ICPD Beyond 2014 and the post-2015 development processes.

C. ICPD BEYOND 2014 AND THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES

Migration is an important component of UNFPA-led consultations on population dynamics in both the ICPD Beyond 2014 and the post-2015 development agenda processes. The UNFPA ICPD Beyond 2014 Global Survey of progress since the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994 includes specific sections on both internal and international migration and requests information on national policies, programmes and strategies on migration, institutional entities addressing migration issues, national priorities, areas of progress, civil society partners and international cooperation in the area of migration. The survey provides governments with an opportunity to reflect on progress in this area and to identify the most relevant issues that should be the focus for the next five to ten years. A report of the survey which will

analyze the responses is expected to be completed in mid-2013. It will provide a roadmap for future work in this area.

As the United Nations charts a course for beyond 2015, there is a growing consensus that migration should be an important part of the post-2015 development agenda. UNFPA is working with its partners to ensure that migration figures prominently in this process, either as a potential goal, as indicative targets, as indicators to measure achievement of other Millennium Development Goals, or as an enabling factor. UNFPA seeks to raise awareness of the important link between migration and development and to increase understanding of how migration can contribute to the achievement of development goals including poverty reduction, maternal and child health, primary education, and gender empowerment. It encourages countries to mainstream migration in policymaking and development planning.