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Draft Programme of Work of the Population Division, Department of
Economic and Social Affairs, for the period 2006-2007**

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Mr. Chairman, distinguished Delegates,

Before my colleagues introduce the documents on world demographic trends and on progress of work of the Population Division during 2004, I would like to make some brief comments on the programme of work of the Population Division for the biennium 2006-2007.

The draft programme of work of the Population Division for the biennium 2006-2007 is given in document E/CN.9/2005/CRP.1.

In the past, the draft programme of work contained in the proposed programme budget fascicle was submitted, as appropriate, to the relevant specialized intergovernmental and expert bodies for review and comments.

However, in paragraph 24 of the report of the Secretary-General on improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting (A/58/395), it is indicated that with the introduction of the strategic framework, intergovernmental bodies, including the Committee for Programme and Coordination, would not longer be required to review the programmatic aspects of the proposed programme budget.

Furthermore in paragraph 9 of its resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003, the General Assembly decided that the programme narratives of the programme budget fascicles should be identical to the biennial programme

plan. The biennial programme plan for the period 2006-2007, which was reviewed, as appropriate, by the relevant intergovernmental bodies in 2004, was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 59/275 of 23 December 2004, on the basis of the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in its report A/59/16.

Accordingly, the draft programme of work for the Population Division for the biennium 2006-2007 contained in CRP.1, is presented to the Commission for its information. The outputs listed in CRP.1 will be incorporated into the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.

I would also like to mention that in keeping with the work of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, consultations were held among relevant entities in the United Nations system on possible areas of cooperation and collaboration in the programme of work related to population and development.

Thank you.