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The International Conference on Population and Development met twenty years ago in Cairo, Egypt, adopting by consensus its Programme of Action. On 22 September 2014, the world community will come together during a special session of the United Nations General Assembly in order to assess the status of implementation of the Programme of Action and to renew political support to fully achieve its goals and objectives.

Recognizing that the Programme of Action was due to formally expire in 2014, the General Assembly, in resolution 65/234 of 22 December 2010, extended the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation beyond 2014, noting that its goals and objectives were still valid. The same resolution called upon the United Nations Population Fund, in consultation with Member States and in cooperation with all relevant organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant international organizations, as well as institutions and experts, to undertake an operational review of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action. A report on the operational review by the Secretary-General was submitted to the Commission on Population and Development at its forty-seventh session in the spring of 2014 (E/CN.9/2014/4) and shortly thereafter also to the General Assembly (A/69/62). In addition, the resolution requested the Secretary-General, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund and other relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, to ensure that the relevant issues identified during the sessions of the Commission on Population and Development were compiled and forwarded to Governments at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, with an index report indicating recurrent themes and key elements found therein, along with the findings of the operational review. This report (A/69/122) was submitted to the General Assembly in the summer of 2014.

The *Compendium of Recommendations on Population and Development: Commission on Population and Development, 1994-2014* has been prepared on the occasion of the special session to complement the other documents mentioned above and to serve as a reference document, especially during future sessions of the Commission on Population and Development. It maps the operative paragraphs of substantive resolutions of the Commission since 1994 onto the corresponding objectives and actions from the Programme of Action. Thus, each Compendium chapter corresponds to one specific chapter in the Programme of Action.

Each Compendium chapter presents an introduction containing a summary of a topic as it was presented in the Programme of Action and a brief discussion as to how the topic has evolved in subsequent resolutions of the Commission on Population and Development. Within each chapter, the introduction is followed by excerpts from the corresponding chapter of the Programme of Action and then by text from resolutions of the Commission. Full-length resolutions are reproduced in the event that the Commission focused on a single topic corresponding to the relevant chapter of the Programme of Action. For example, the resolution of the thirty-ninth session of the Commission in 2006, which focused on international migration and development, is reproduced in full in Chapter 8 of the Compendium. Each chapter of the Compendium also contains excerpts from other resolutions of the Commission covering some aspect of the topic at hand. Full resolutions and excerpts are presented in chronological order, beginning with 1995 and going forward. Footnotes in resolutions are only reproduced for full-length resolutions.

The principles of the Programme of Action are reproduced in the annex of this report, along with General Assembly resolution 65/234 on the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014. The annex also contains a table listing the annual meetings of the

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Commission since 1994, along with the theme, date and title of all resolutions and decisions. It also presents a matrix mapping the operative paragraphs from substantive resolutions of the Commission on Population and Development since 1994 onto the corresponding chapters of the Programme of Action.