

General Assembly resolution 65/234 — Follow-up the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/124 of 20 December 1995, 51/176 of 16 December 1996 and 53/183 of 15 December 1998 on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, adopted in Cairo in September 1994,¹ and its resolutions 49/128 of 19 December 1994 and 52/188 of 18 December 1997,

Recalling also the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action, as adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-first special session, held in New York from 30 June to 2 July 1999,²

Recalling further its resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major conferences and summits,

Noting that the Programme of Action is due to formally come to an end in 2014 but that its goals and objectives remain valid beyond 2014,

Acknowledging that many Governments may not meet all the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action by 2014,

Recognizing the crucial linkages between the implementation of the Programme of Action and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Noting that, in spite of the progress made towards achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action and the Millennium Development Goals, considerable gaps still exist in the implementation of different areas of the Programme of Action,

Recalling that the Programme of Action requires for its implementation adequate mobilization of resources at the national and international levels, as well as new and additional resources for developing countries from all available funding mechanisms, including multilateral, bilateral and private sources, and that Governments are not expected to meet the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action single-handedly,

Stressing the importance of protecting the achievements of the International Conference, responding to new challenges relevant to population and development and to the changing development environment, and reinforcing the integration of the population and development agenda in global processes related to development,

1. *Emphasizes* the need for Governments to recommit themselves at the highest political level to achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;¹

2. *Decides* to extend the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation² beyond 2014 and ensure its follow-up in order to fully meet its goals and objectives;

3. *Also decides* to convene a special session during the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly in order to assess the status of implementation of the Programme of Action and to renew political support for actions required for the full achievement of its goals and objectives, and further decides that the Commission on Population and Development, which is scheduled to hold, at its forty-fourth session, a general debate on the further implementation of the Programme of Action in the light of the twentieth anniversary of the International Conference, should convene an interactive discussion during its forty-seventh session on the assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action;

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4. *Reaffirms* that the special session for the assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action will be undertaken on the basis of and with full respect for the Programme of Action and that there will be no renegotiation of the existing agreements contained therein;

5. *Encourages* Governments to undertake reviews of the progress achieved and the constraints faced therein in the implementation of the Programme of Action at all levels, particularly at the national level and at the level of international cooperation;

6. *Calls 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 implementation of the Programme of Action on the basis of the highest-quality data and analysis of the state of population and development and taking into account the need for a systematic, comprehensive and integrated approach to population and development issues, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report based on this review to the Commission on Population and Development at its forty-seventh session;

7. *Requests* 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 are 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;

8. *Invites* all other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to contribute as appropriate to the special session as well as to its preparation;

9. *Stresses* the need for the effective participation and contribution of relevant actors of civil society, particularly nongovernmental organizations, as appropriate, in the special session, as well as in its preparation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session about the preparations for the special session;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session a sub-item entitled “Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development”.

¹ *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

² Resolution S 21/2, annex.