

# APPENDIX E

## EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISIONS FOR 1997

### 97/1 UNICEF/WHO/UNFPA COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. **Takes note** of the note of the President on coordination in health policy and programming: follow-up to Executive Board decision 96/38 (DP/FPA/1997/5);
2. **Endorses** the proposed arrangements contained in document DP/FPA/1997/5 as follows:
  - (a) That the present UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy be known as the UNICEF/WHO/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health;
  - (b) That the terms of reference of the UNICEF/WHO/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health be amended accordingly, in consultation with the secretariats of the three organizations;
  - (c) That the agenda of the meeting of the UNICEF/WHO/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health be organized in such a way that matters of greatest relevance to the United Nations Population Fund are clustered together;
3. **Recommends** that the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund become a member of the UNICEF/WHO/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health;
4. **Requests** the President of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, with the assistance of the secretariat of the United Nations Population Fund, to bring the present decision to the attention of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization;
5. **Requests** the secretariat of the Executive Board to circulate, as soon as they are available, the amended terms of reference of the UNICEF/WHO/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health.

16 January 1997

### 97/2. UNFPA: AUDIT REPORTS

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. **Takes note** of the comments made by the United Nations Population Fund in document DP/FPA/1997/4 in response to the recommendations made in the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 1994-1995 (A/51/5/Add.7);
2. **Requests** the secretariat to provide the Executive Board, at its first regular session 1998, with an updated overview of the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and an updated time table indicating the dates when follow-up action will have been completed in the areas that need to be addressed, namely, trust funds, national execution, technical support services arrangements, management of inter-regional projects and the selection and use of consultants;
3. **Requests** the secretariat to provide an update on the

progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations of the auditors at the first regular session of the Executive Board each year, as a matter of routine, under the agenda item "Financial, budgetary and administrative matters".

16 January 1997

### 97/7. REVISION OF UNFPA FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

**Approves** the inclusion of a new regulation 14.7 in the UNFPA Financial Regulations and Rules under Article XIV - "Internal Control":  
"**Regulation 14.7** In conformity with Executive Board decision 96/3, UNFPA may procure and hold stocks of essential contraceptive products in order to promptly respond to emergency requests for assistance. The inventory value of these stock holdings shall be shown in the accounts as an asset."

14 March 1997

### 97/11. UNFPA WORK PLAN FOR 1998-2001 AND REQUEST FOR PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. **Endorses** the programme resource planning proposals of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund set out in paragraphs 7 to 18;
2. **Approves** the request for the 1998 programme expenditure authority at a level equal to expected new programmable resources for 1998, currently estimated at \$278 million;
3. **Endorses** the use of the following estimates of new programmable resources from regular resources for programme planning for the 1999-2001 period; \$298 million for 1999; \$318 million for 2000; and \$341 million for 2001;
4. **Also endorses** the use of the following estimates of new programmable resources from multi-bilateral funding; \$25 million per year for the years 1998-2001.

14 May 1997

### 97/12. RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE UNFPA PROGRAMMING PROCESS

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. **Takes note** of the report of the Executive Director on the programming process of the United Nations Population Fund (DP/FPA/1997/9);
2. **Recognizes** that the primary responsibility for developing a country programme lies with the Government of the programme country with the support of the United Nations Population Fund;
3. **Requests** that in its programming process the United Nations Population Fund take into account the following, bearing in mind the need to limit the administrative burden:
  - (a) That during the Programme Review and Strategy

Development process, the United Nations Population Fund will offer briefings at the field level for interested parties on the emerging findings;

- (b) That the United Nations Population Fund will make available the summary of the Programme Review and Strategy Development process (the country recommendation), which will show: (i) proposed strategic actions and their rationale; (ii) the comparative advantage of the United Nations Population Fund and its complementarity vis-à-vis other actors; and (iii) possible thematic areas, drawing throughout also on lessons learned from other programmes;
- (c) That the country recommendation will be made available by the secretariat to all members of the United Nations Population Fund, upon request, who may offer views on the recommendation, within six weeks of transmission, which the secretariat will take into account in further developing the programme; the United Nations Population Fund will inform the Executive Board of this process; these views will also be made available to all members of the United Nations Population Fund, upon request; the United Nations Population Fund may, if needed, arrange a discussion at headquarters with the participation of the programme country;
- Requests** that country programmes presented to the Executive Board contain clear statements of purpose, deliverables (for each sub-programme area), financial parameters and the indicators by which the United Nations Population Fund will measure programme performance, effectiveness and impact;
  - Decides** that country programmes will be considered for approval by the Executive Board without discussion unless one is requested by more than one member, in writing, in principle two weeks before the session;
  - Recommends** that the efforts of working towards harmonized arrangements for country programming processes in the United Nations system should, when possible, be coordinated and harmonized with other funds and programmes;
  - Requests** that the operation of these arrangements be reviewed by the Executive Director at such a time as to allow a report to be presented to the Executive Board at its annual session 2000.

16 May 1997

### 97/13. UNFPA INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

- Takes note** of the report on the United Nations Population Fund information and communication strategy (DP/FPA/1997/8) and the comments made thereon by the Executive Board;
- Endorses** the overall goal of the United Nations Population Fund information and communication strategy, which is to promote the principles, goals and objectives of the International Conference on Population and Development and to help turn these principles, goals and objectives into practical reality at the national, regional and international levels;
- Further endorses** the specific goals and corresponding

strategies of the information and communication activities of the United Nations Population Fund as contained in paragraphs 4 and 22 of the report;

- Stresses** the importance of maintaining linguistic balance in the electronic dissemination of information;
- Also stresses** that monitoring and evaluation are integral and important parts of information and communication activities and that there is a need to strengthen these functions, taking into account the difficulty, methodologically and operationally, of measuring the impact or effectiveness of such activities;
- Requests** the Executive Director to report orally each year, at the annual session, on the progress in the implementation of the present decision and on the coordinating efforts undertaken in this area within the United Nations system;
- Also requests** the Executive Director to review the Fund's information and communication strategy in four years and to report thereon to the Executive Board at its annual session 2001.

16 May 1997

### 97/14. ICPD + 5

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

- Notes** with appreciation the proposal of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to undertake a review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;
- Requests** the Executive Director to undertake preparatory activities for the review and appraisal within the mandate of the United Nations Population Fund;
- Invites** the President of the Executive Board to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, through the forthcoming session of the Economic and Social Council, the proposal for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference of Population and Development, for the consideration of the General Assembly and subsequent decision on the process and modalities.

16 May 1997

### 97/26. ESTIMATES FOR THE UNFPA SUPPORT BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

- Takes note** of the 1998-1999 biennial support budget estimates of the United Nations Population Fund, as contained in document DP/FPA/1997/14, as well as of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (DP/FPA/1997/15);
- Urges** the Executive Director to make every effort to contain both the administrative and the programme support costs at headquarters and in the field, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
- Also urges** the Executive Director to keep under review the prevailing climate of uncertainty regarding future income,

particularly by delaying the filling of the proposed new positions of UNFPA Representatives at an estimated cost of \$1,635,044, when implementing the budget for the 1998-1999 biennium;

4. **Welcomes** the new format for the presentation of the budget in line with decision 97/6, item 5, on the harmonization of budget presentations;
5. **Approves** gross appropriations in the amount of \$143,255,500 for the purposes indicated below and resolves that the income estimates of \$15,707,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in estimated net appropriations of \$127,548,500;

### 1998-1999 biennial support budgets\* (Thousands of United States dollars)

#### Programme support:

Country offices	73,484.2
Headquarters	26,811.5
Subtotal	100,295.7
Management and administration of the organization	42,959.7
Total gross appropriations	143,255.5
Less: Estimated income to the budget	15,707.0
Estimated net appropriations	127,548.5

\* As reflected in the table on "UNFPA resource plan", dated 15 September 1997, and distributed on 17 September 1997 to the Executive Board.

6. **Authorizes** the Executive Director to redeploy resources between appropriation lines up to a maximum of 5 per cent of the appropriation to which the resources are redeployed;
7. **Requests** the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board at its third regular session 1998 on progress in implementing the support budget for the biennium 1998-1999, taking into account relevant developments until that time as well as foreseeable trends with regard, inter alia, to the income level for 1998 and the projections for 1999, the expected level of programme expenditure in 1998, as well as the United Nations reform process;
8. **Also requests** the Executive Director to present an oral report to the Executive Board at its second regular session 1998 on the criteria and mechanisms to be used for any readjustment to the biennial support budget for 1998-1999 in the event of any significant shortfall in income;
9. **Recommends** that the Executive Director undertake a study on multi-bilateral and trust fund arrangements and report to the Executive Board at the third regular session 1998, taking into account the ongoing study of the United Nations Development Programme on the same topic.

19 September 1997

### 97/27. TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES SYSTEM

#### THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. **Takes note** of the report on the Technical Support Services system of the United Nations Population Fund as contained

in document DP/FPA/1997/16;

2. **Endorses** the proposals for reconfiguring the Country Support Team adviser posts as contained in paragraphs 23-26 of document DP/FPA/1997/16;
3. **Agrees**, on a temporary basis for 1998, to the proposals for modifications of the Technical Support Services specialist posts in United Nations agencies and organizations as contained in paragraphs 27-31 of document DP/FPA/1997/16, understanding that any outstanding vacancies in the Technical Support Services specialist posts will not be filled in the interim;
4. **Also agrees** to review the "Report on an assessment of the TSS specialist posts at headquarters and regional levels" in relation to document DP/FPA/1997/16 at the second regular session 1998, in particular in regard to the purpose, effectiveness and organization of the Technical Support Services specialist posts, with a view to providing direction for the Technical Support Services specialist arrangements for 1999;
5. **Requests** the Executive Director to reassess, in 1999, the Technical Support Services system, including an analysis of its financial aspects that will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and to report thereon to the Executive Board at the annual session 1999.

19 September 1997

### 97/28. FUNCTIONING OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

#### THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. **Takes note** of the proposed draft terms of reference of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health as contained in document DP/FPA/1997/17;
2. **Recommends** that the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health meet as soon as possible to discuss its functioning, including proposed amendments to its terms of reference, taking fully into account the core programme areas of the United Nations Population Fund, as well as substantive issues common to the mandates of the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund;
3. **Calls upon** the secretariats of the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund to facilitate the convening of such a meeting;
4. **Recommends** that any agreed amendments made to the proposed draft terms of reference be submitted to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund for its consideration;
5. **Requests** the President of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund to convey the present decision to the President of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Chairman of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

19 September 1997