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**Regional Population Meeting**

*Budapest (Hungary), 7-9 December 1998*

**DRAFT REPORT  
OF THE REGIONAL POPULATION MEETING**

A. Attendance and organization of work

1. The Meeting was convened in accordance with resolution 52/188, "Population and Development", adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, which called for "the operational review of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development...". Hosted by the Government of Hungary, the Meeting was jointly organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the Hungarian Central Statistical Office and the United Nations Population Fund. It was held within the context of the preparation of the quinquennial review and appraisal of the Programme of Action. The Meeting took place from 7-9 December 1998 in Budapest (Hungary). The Meeting was in the work programme of the Conference of European Statisticians.

2. The Meeting was opened by Mr./Ms. (*name*), (*title*), of the Government of Hungary. During the opening session the Meeting heard statements by Mr./Ms. (*name*), (*title*), of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Mr./Ms. (*name*), (*title*), of the United Nations Population Fund, and Mr./Ms. (*name*), (*title*), of the Government of Hungary, and Mr./Ms. (*name*), (*title*), of the Council of Europe.

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3. The Meeting was attended by representatives from (*list of ECE member countries present*).

4. The Meeting was attended by representatives of the (European Union).

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5. Representatives of *(Holy See)* participated in the Meeting under Article 8 of the terms of reference of the ECE.
6. *(List of UN member countries not members of the Commission)* were represented under Article 11 of the terms of reference of the ECE.
7. Representatives of *(list of UN departments, specialized agencies, and organisations)* attended the Meeting
8. The Meeting was attended by representatives of *(list of intergovernmental organizations and institutions under Article 12 of the terms of reference of the ECE, such as OECD, or Council of Europe)*.
9. The meeting was also attended by representatives of *(number)* non-governmental organizations.
10. In addition, *(number)* eminent population experts, including authors of background papers and members of the Advisory Group for the Meeting, invited in their personal capacity, also attended.
11. A complete list of participants is contained in Annex 3.
12. The Meeting set up a drafting group to review and finalize the Report of the Meeting and its two annexes: "Conclusions" and "Co-operation in Population Analysis". The drafting group met on 7 and 8 December 1998.

#### B. Agenda

13. The Meeting adopted its agenda *(symbol)* which reads as follows:
  1. Adoption of the agenda
  2. Election of the Bureau
  3. Salient population developments: issues and policies
  4. Fertility and reproductive rights: issues and policies
  5. Mortality and health, including reproductive health: issues and policies
  6. Population ageing: issues and policies
  7. International migration: issues and policies
  8. General debate
  9. Adoption of the report

### C. Election of the bureau and appointment of the Friends of the Chairperson

14. The Meeting elected Mr./Ms. *(name) (country)* Chairperson of the Meeting. It also elected the following four Vice-Chairpersons: Mr./Ms. *(name) ((country))*, Mr./Ms. *(name) (country)*, Mr./Ms. *(name) ((country))*, and Mr./Ms. *(name) ((country))*, Mr./Ms. The Meeting further elected Mr./Ms. *(name), ((country))* Rapporteur who chaired the drafting group. Mr./Ms. *(name) ((country))*, the Chairperson of the Advisory Group for the Meeting, was ex-officio member of the Bureau.

### D. Review of substantive themes

15. The Meeting reviewed the substantive items on its agenda (items 3-7) on the basis of background documents and national reports. The list of documents is contained in (Annex 4).

### E. General debate and adoption of the report

16. Following this review a general debate was held on the final day of the Meeting. Subsequently, the Report of the Meeting along with its two annexes – “Conclusions” (Annex 1) and “Co-operation in Population Analysis” (Annex 2) - was adopted.

17. The Meeting decided that the Report, including its annexes, will be submitted to the Conference of European Statisticians for consideration and approval. The Meeting requested the Executive Secretary of the ECE to simultaneously transmit the “Conclusions” and the “Co-operation in Population Analysis” to the Secretary General of the United Nations. Also, the Meeting requested the Chairperson to concurrently transmit the two documents to the Preparatory Meeting for the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly for the quinquennial review and appraisal of the Programme of Action.

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