

Resolution 2003/1 Population, education and development*

The Commission on Population and Development,

Reaffirming the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,¹ in particular those recommendations relating to population, education and development,

Reaffirming also the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, in particular those relating to population, education and development,²

Reaffirming further the Beijing Platform for Action³ and the further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration⁴ and the Platform for Action adopted at the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, in particular those recommendations relating to population, education and development,⁵

* For the discussion, see chap. II.

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 See General Assembly resolution S-21/2, annex II.E.

³ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

⁴ *Ibid.*, annex I.

⁵ See General Assembly resolution S-23/3, annex.

Noting the importance of education, especially of young persons and in particular of girls and women, to achieving population and development goals and the contribution, to this end, of the relevant United Nations bodies, funds and programmes, including the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative,

Bearing in mind the objectives relevant to population, education and development of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,⁶ and the outcome of other major United Nations conferences and summits and their reviews, in particular those relevant to population, education and development,

Bearing in mind also the recommendations relevant to population, education and development of the World Education Forum and the World Conference on Education for All⁷ and the designation of 2003-2012 as the United Nations Literacy Decade,⁸

Noting the critical linkages between population, education and development,

Noting with concern the reported recent decline in resource flows for the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

1. *Requests* the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat to continue its research and the United Nations Population Fund to continue its programming, in close cooperation with all relevant bodies, funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on the linkages between population, education and development, including the relationships between population factors and the attainment of the goals of Education for All, giving attention to the way in which education interacts with health, particularly sexual and reproductive health, including HIV/AIDS, and to the way in which education influences the levels, trends and differentials of mortality, fertility, distribution and mobility, and the role of population and development policies, as well as gender inequalities, in such levels, trends and differentials;

2. *Also requests* the Population Division to work in close cooperation with all relevant bodies, funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system to contribute its research findings to the implementation of the outcomes relevant to population, education and development of the United Nations conferences and summits;

3. *Further requests* that the findings from that and related research on population, education and development should contribute to the next review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development¹ and, as appropriate, to other relevant conferences and reviews, including the World Summit for the Information Society and the regular reviews of the Dakar Declaration and the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS;⁹

⁶ General Assembly resolution 55/2.

⁷ See *Final Report*, World Education Forum, Dakar, Senegal, 26-28 April 2000 (Paris, UNESCO, 2000).

⁸ See General Assembly resolution 56/116.

⁹ General Assembly resolution S-26/2, annex.

4. *Encourages* the Population Division, in close cooperation with all relevant bodies, funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, to disseminate widely the results of its research, as a contribution to greater understanding and awareness of the interrelationships between population, education and development;

5. *Encourages* the United Nations Population Fund, in close cooperation with relevant partners, to continue its support for population, education and development programmes so as to accelerate the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.