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21 October 1980

*h Mr. J. A. ...*

*Sent to Regional center I.A. NRIC 2*

Dear Colleague,

It is my pleasure to present to you the enclosed reports of the International Review Group of Social Science Research on Population and Development (IRG), on behalf of the donors who supported the review:

Ford Foundation, International Development Research Centre, Norwegian Agency for International Development, Population Council, Rockefeller Foundation, Swedish International Development Authority, United Kingdom Ministry of Overseas Development, United Nations Fund for Population Activities and World Bank.

The report is valuable in providing an overview of the state of knowledge of population factors as they relate to development planning and population policy. The surveys by region go into greater depth and allow comparisons between regions. Suggestions for strengthening social science institutions for research and training are also offered.

We hope these materials will be useful to you and your colleagues. We would welcome your comments and reactions.

Yours sincerely,

*Rafael M. Salas*  
Rafael M. Salas  
Executive Director

June 24, 1980

Dear Mr. Salas:

I refer to my letter to you of May 13 concerning World Bank representation at the Conference on Population and the Urban Future to be held in Rome from September 1 to 4, 1980. I am now pleased to inform you that Mr. Braz Menezes, Urban Planner/Architect, Urban Projects Department, has been designated to attend on behalf of the Bank. It would be appreciated if documents issued for the meeting could be sent to the attention of Mr. Menezes, at this address.

Sincerely yours,



Callie B. Boucher  
Deputy Special Representative for  
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Mr. Rafael M. Salas  
Executive Director  
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Cleared in substance & cc: Mr. Strombom  
cc: Dr. Kanagaratnam  
cc: Mr. Menezes

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22 May 1980

Dear Mr. Boucher,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 13 May 1980. I am delighted to learn that the World Bank has accepted our invitation to attend the International Conference on Population and the Urban Future to be convened in Rome from 1 to 4 September 1980.

I would appreciate receiving, at your earliest convenience, the name of the representative who will be attending the Conference on behalf of the World Bank.

In the meantime, I am enclosing a brochure of the Conference which I trust you will find of interest.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Luis Olivos".

Luis Olivos  
Conference Coordinator

Mr. Callie B. Boucher  
Deputy Special Representative for  
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*cc: Dr Evans*

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May 15, 1980

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

I am replying to your cable to Mr. McNamee, concerning the participation in the ACC and its subsidiary machinery of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, which the General Assembly by Resolution 34/104 invited you to arrange in consultation with the members of the ACC. You ask for views so that the matter may be acted on at the next meeting of the ACC.

The World Bank would have no objection to the participation by the UNFPA in the ACC and its machinery, as proposed by the General Assembly and supported and sponsored by you.

Yours sincerely,

M. P. Benjenk  
Vice President  
External Relations

The Honorable  
Kurt Waldheim  
Secretary General  
United Nations  
New York, N.Y. 10017

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May 13, 1980

Dear Mr. Salas:

I refer to your letter of April 14, 1980 (GL0/79/P82), inviting the World Bank to be represented at the Conference on Population and the Urban Future to be held in Rome from September 1 to 4.

I have been asked to inform you that the Bank hopes to send a representative to the Conference and we will be back in touch with you in due course to give you the name of the staff member designated to attend on behalf of the Bank.

Sincerely yours,



Callie B. Boucher  
Deputy Special Representative for  
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Mr. Harold W. Messenger, Chief, Div. I, PHN

May 9, 1980

Huw M. Jones, Division I, PHN

UNFPA: Informal Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting

1. As instructed in terms of reference dated May 6, 1980, I attended a meeting of the UNFPA's Informal Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting in New York on May 7 and 8. The change of the title of the meeting results from a change in the status of the UNFPA which is now recognized as a "subsidiary organ" of the U.N. Apart from generating a ribald comment from Mr. Salas in his introductory speech, the change means little in practice. As the UNFPA is not a member of the ACC, it is not allowed to have "coordinating" meetings but, as an exception, may hold ad hoc, informal meetings. This explains why the customary final item of "date and place of next meeting" did not appear on the agenda. It was, nevertheless, decided to hold another "informal" meeting in Geneva on September 11 and 12, at which UNFPA's presentations to the next UNDP Governing Council meeting will be discussed with the Agencies and Regional Commissions. An "informal" report of the current meeting was promised by the UNFPA.

2. The expectation that the meeting would hold little of direct interest for the Bank was not belied. Discussion was exclusively related to the mechanics of the relationship between the UNFPA and the U.N., Agencies and Regional Commissions in the execution of UNFPA funded projects. The meeting was subject to the U.N. "law of diminishing attendance", poorly prepared agenda items, confusion on documentation, and presentations which featured UNFPA senior staff frequently arguing amongst themselves (often referred to as "thinking aloud" or delivering "random thoughts"), to the bemusement of onlookers.

3. The latest forecast of funding required for UNFPA in the period 1980-83 is \$689 million but grave doubts were cast on the accuracy of this figure. Mr. Salas said that the prospects for gathering resources were not bright but efforts were being made to tap OPEC money and Arab sources such as the Kuwait Fund. In previous years, \$20-30 million of unallocated funds had been carried over; in the current year, this has been cut to \$7.3 million when expenditure had exceeded income for the first time. The China program would cost \$50 million, "mainly for computers" for the forthcoming census. Mr. Aromin, representing ESCAP, said that ESCAP know nothing about the China program and wondered if UNFPA could release the project documents; after some internal discussions, the UNFPA agreed to do so. The tightness of funding has led UNFPA to rephrase its programming. In India, for example, the promised allocation of \$100 million has



May 9, 1980

been stretched to six years, and not five as previously decided. The "construction project" for Rajasthan has been rephased in a manner which suggests that the rephasing has been done solely as a financial exercise in UNFPA headquarters with no inputs from the Coordinator in New Delhi (who has not been "officially" told of the need to rephase) or attention to the realities of implementing the project. Funding for IEC activities in the area programs has been slashed to less than half the original provision.

5. The UNDP Governing Council has issued an instruction to the UNFPA to cut back on inter-country programming to a level of 25% of its annual expenditures. This has brought into the open the lack of any system of deciding what can or cannot be included in a UNFPA project to support project administration. It raised the old and much discussed controversy of payment for Agency infrastructure and Agency overheads. The U.N. representative successfully pleaded for bilateral discussions with the UNFPA, a ploy which successfully confused the situation for the Agencies and particularly the Regional Commissions which receive their funding through the U.N. In later discussions, it was apparent that the UNFPA has no effective system of monitoring inter-country projects.

5. The role of the two UNFPA liaison officers, assigned to ESCAP and ECLA respectively, was discussed. The meeting was advised that a decision on whether to maintain these posts would be taken shortly.

6. Discussion of the final item 'Report of International Review Group' proved abortive as few knew what it was and none had read it. Apparently not enough copies had been available to circulate prior to the meeting and the situation had not been remedied by the time the meeting adjourned. The report, prepared by Carmen Miro, had been previously discussed by UNFPA with a few "selected" donors and the meeting in September will continue these discussions, with the representatives of the Agencies and Regional Commissions also participating.

7. As to Dr. Kanagaratnam's specific request, I had some difficulty in finding much out. A meeting to be called "Family Planning in the '80s" will be held in Jakarta in April 1981. It is to be sponsored by the UNFPA, IPPF and Population Council, with the UNFPA apparently contracting its organization to the Population Council. Dr. Haryono and Dr. Sumbung of the Indonesian NFPCB were in New York earlier this week to discuss preparations. Neither Dr. Aromin of ESCAP nor Mr. Emmerson, UNFPA Liaison Officer in Bangkok, knew anything about its origin and purpose. It is apparently to be a "small" meeting of about 300 persons.

cc: Dr. Evans, Dr. Kanagaratnam (o/r), PHN  
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Mr. Huw M. Jones, PHN

May 6, 1980

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Harold W. Messenger, Chief, Division I, PHN

UNFPA: Informal Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting

You will represent the Bank at the above meeting to be held in New York on May 7 and 8. In response to Dr. Kanagaratnam's request you will obtain information on the International Population Conference, sponsored by UNFPA, to be held in Indonesia in April 1981. On your return, you will prepare a brief Back to Office Report.

cc: Dr. Evans, PHN  
Dr. Kanagaratnam, PHN (o/r)  
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14 April 1980

Dear Mr. McNamara,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the Conference on Population and the Urban Future that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities is sponsoring in Rome, Italy, from 1 to 4 September 1980. The Italian Government, and in particular the municipality of Rome, are collaborating in this event.

The Conference will be particularly concerned with the economic and social dimensions of the urban phenomenon, especially the determinants and consequences of urban growth, rural/urban migration, and factors affecting capital appropriation and public administration of urban social services including health, education and employment. These are some of the areas in which the UNFPA has developed substantial experience, and a considerable record of technical and financial co-operation with developing countries during the past decade.

I enclose a tentative agenda and a conference brochure for the meeting. UNFPA is inviting mayors and urban planners of some sixty rapidly growing cities which will have populations of five million or more by the year 2000. In addition, selected national planners will be invited to attend the Conference. We expect approximately sixty cities and thirty countries to be represented at the Conference.

Mr. Robert S. McNamara  
President  
The World Bank  
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Washington, D.C. 20433

cc: Mr. I. H. Kang  
Planning and Programming Officer  
Population Health and Nutrition Department

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In addition, specialized agencies and other organizations in the United Nations system, which are involved in activities relating to the theme of the Rome Conference are being invited to attend the Conference; and I would like to extend a cordial invitation to your organization to be represented at the Conference.

We would appreciate hearing from you by 31 May 1980 if you intend to participate in the Conference. We would also suggest that you make your hotel bookings in Rome as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

  
Rafael M. Salas  
Executive Director





PROPOSED AGENDA

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND THE URBAN FUTURE

ROME, ITALY, 1, 2, 3 AND 4 SEPTEMBER 1980

Procedural items

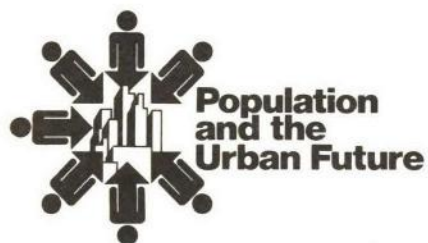
1. Opening of the Conference and election of the Chairman
2. Adoption of the Agenda and organization of work
3. Adoption of rules of procedure
4. Organization of work, including establishment of committees and other bodies
5. Election of officers other than the Chairman
6. Other matters

Substantive items

7. Urban Future: Trends and Prospects
8. Issues and Instruments in Metropolitan Planning
9. National and Regional Issues and Policies in Facing the Challenges of the Urban Future
10. Final declaration
11. Adoption of the Report of the Conference

By the end of this century, it is estimated that Mexico City will be the world's most populous city with 31 million people followed by Sao Paulo and Tokyo-Yokohama with 26 and 24 million people respectively.

**"For lack of any programme, there is unchecked expansion of Cities, absence of forethought, speculation on land and other things, and industry, complying to no rule, establishes itself at random."**



Further information on the Rome Conference can be obtained from:

Information and Public Affairs Division  
U.N. Fund for Population Activities  
485 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10017, USA  
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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

# POPULATION AND THE URBAN FUTURE



Rome, Italy  
1-4 September  
1980

In 1960, there were 115 cities in the world with populations of over one million where 295 million people lived or 10% of the world's population; by the year 2000 it is estimated that there will be 440 such cities accounting for 1354 million people or 22% of the world's population. In 40 years, the number of people living in *large* cities will have increased three-and-a-half times.

**"The advent of the machinist era has provoked increased disturbances in the conduct of men, in the pattern of their distribution over the earth's surface and in their undertakings: an unchecked trend, propelled by mechanized speeds, toward concentration in the cities, a precipitate and world-wide evolution without precedent in history. Chaos has entered the cities."**

Urban growth is by no means a new phenomenon: The first city to reach a population of one million was Peking in 1800; a century later, while the population of Peking had remained constant, no less than twelve other cities had passed the figure of one million.

**"Reasonable population densities must be imposed, according to the forms of habitation suggested by the nature of the terrain itself."**

The quotations are taken from the Athens Charter drafted by the French architect Le Corbusier and based on work done at the fourth meeting of the International Congress for Modern Architecture held in 1933.



The International Conference on Population and the Urban Future will be held in Rome, Italy from 1-4 September, 1980. It will be sponsored by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and mayors and city planners from the 60 cities, which by the year 2000 will each have a population exceeding five million people, will be invited to attend. In addition, other selected urban and national planners will be asked to participate in the Conference.

**OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of the Conference are three-fold:

i) To increase the awareness and understanding of population factors in urban planning at local and national levels;

ii) To bring to the attention of planners, policy makers and administrators the results of recent research and experience on urban issues and problems;

iii) To provide a forum where all the parties involved in urban management may share problems and possible solutions, identify areas which have hitherto been neglected, and formulate ideas and proposals for future action.

To coincide with these objectives, the provisional agenda provides for five substantive items to be discussed in Rome. Three of these items will coincide with background papers being prepared for the Conference by international experts. These topics are:

Urban Future: Trends and Prospects:  
Issues and Instruments in Metropolitan Planning;

National and Regional Issues and Policies in Facing the Challenges of the Urban Future.

After these items, there will be a discussion on the Final Declaration of the Conference and on the Adoption of the Report of the Conference.

