

6. The system-wide medium-term plan is of necessity an indicative plan. Its adoption by the Economic and Social Council will constitute a formal recommendation to the specialized agencies and a direct mandate to the United Nations proper. In order to implement the plan, the organizations of the system have each agreed to incorporate those aspects of work that fall within their competence in their own proposed medium-term plans and work programmes for the period 1990-1995. Those plans and programmes will be reviewed by the competent intergovernmental bodies within each organization, and the system-wide plan will also be submitted to them. The extent to which the system-wide plan will be taken into account in the work programmes of individual organizational entities will be determined by their respective governing bodies. The proposals have been framed so as to be consistent with the existing mandates of the various organizations. The activities proposed in the plan will be implemented by the individual organizations in accordance with their own medium-term plans and objectives, programmes and plans of action, and other legislative directives.

7. The organizations that are expected to contribute to carrying out the plan are shown in the table at the end of the present document, which identifies for each subprogramme the organizational entities planning to assume a major responsibility and those that will play a supporting role. The system-wide medium-term plan will help determine where joint activities are required and guide the interface between the activities of individual organizations and of the system as a whole.

8. The implementation of the plan will be co-ordinated by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC). The main consultative committees of ACC dealing with programme questions, operational activities and personnel matters will deal with co-ordination in their respective areas. Ad hoc inter-agency meetings on women will be convened, particularly in conjunction with meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women. The specialized inter-agency bodies dealing with rural development, nutrition, science and technology, water resources, new and renewable sources of energy and public information will co-ordinate the implementation of the plan in their respective areas. In this connection, it should be noted that the General Assembly has designated the Advancement of Women Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat as the focal point for activities of the United Nations system related to women.

9. The regional commissions of the United Nations and the regional bodies of the specialized agencies will implement the general strategies of the plan, taking into account the particular needs of their respective regions. Where there are distinctive regional strategies, they are highlighted in the plan. The plan should help determine where links need to be forged between global, interregional and regional activities.

10. The main task of monitoring and evaluation will be to ensure the coherence of plan implementation. The organizations will report for monitoring and evaluation purposes to their own intergovernmental bodies in the first instance. Their reports will be made available to the Commission on the Status of Women and other bodies concerned with monitoring and appraising the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies. For the United Nations, a useful tool for monitoring the implementation of the plan will be the intersectoral presentation of United