

The UN Population Fund (UNFPA) informed all of its field and headquarters staff of the highlights of the Summit, in particular as they relate to the decisions and recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development.

At its meeting in October 1995, the Development Committee of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) considered the implications of the Social Summit for developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) Governing Body, at its session in March/April 1995, requested the Director-General to ensure that ILO research, operational and standard-setting activities are geared closely to the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action. At its session in November 1995, the Governing Body considered the questions of promoting universal ratification of the ILO fundamental human rights conventions, combating child labor and improving the effectiveness of ILO supervision of labor standards.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

The General Assembly Plenary considered implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (Agenda Item 161) on Thursday and Friday, 7-8 December 1995. Delegates had before them the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (A/50/670) as well as the report of the Social Summit (A/CONF.166/9).

During the course of the debate, most delegates noted that while it is the primary responsibility of States to attain the Summit's goals, those goals have to be achieved in the context of a broad partnership with the international community through the United Nations. Delegates stressed the importance of the role of ECOSOC as a coordinating body and called for a review of the mandate and method of work of the Commission for Social Development. Several delegates endorsed the recommendation that a special session be convened in the year 2000 to examine implementation of the Summit's outcome.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

During December, interested delegates drafted a resolution on "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development." Consensus on this resolution was achieved only after lengthy consultations. One of the more difficult issues was agreement on the methodology for