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Commission on Population and Development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Changing Age Structures and Their Effect on Development

The Commission on Population and Development is pleased to present to the Economic and Social Council its final report on the topic of Changing Age Structures and their Effect on Development. The following report covers a wide range of sub-topics, ranging from the support and reintegration of elderly populations into economies, to the sustainability of developing nations' workforces by creating incentives that will fight the current brain drain being experienced by developing nations' workforces.

Two resolutions have been adopted by the body, the first adopted without objection and the second by consensus. The body was unified on the importance of supporting changing populations via job creation, investment in infrastructure and vocational training, as well as development of community centers to promote HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention strategies and to improve literacy rates. Representatives also suggest that elderly populations be targeted for employment in such community centers in order to reintegrate this population cohort into the active economies of nations and emphasizes the importance of providing affordable, generic medications, including antiretroviral medications for nations currently unable to afford such medicinal measures. These ideas were holistically adopted by the body.

The representatives also targeted the aging populations of the Member States of this body in such a way that encourages the reintegration of elderly cohorts into the active economy of nations for as sustained a time period as possible in order to avoid the current expanding elderly dependence of populations. It is suggested that this might be achieved by creating opportunities for employment of the elderly as well as ensuring the maintained health and longevity of elderly populations.

In deliberating and debating the issues of this agenda topic, the body focused on the effects of the three accepted stages of the demographic transition on populations of nations. Thus, an important dialogue emerged that emphasized the value of specific issue-based resolution writing that could then be tied together comprehensively via an overarching, global topic report. Thus, the body would like to stress the importance of considering the passed resolutions in the context of the greater framework of this topic.

The body would also like to stress to the Economic and Social Council their deep concerns with funding the ideals set forth by this report in nations currently unable to support these actions economically. However, as the discussion of funding is outside the purview of this Committee, the body would like to encourage a dynamic discussion of possible monetary solutions by ECOSOC and its appropriate sub-committees.