

ACP - EEC CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY

JOINT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

on World Population and Development

(adopted by the Joint Committee on 24 February 1983)

The Joint Committee of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly meeting in Kingston (Jamaica) from 21 to 24 February 1983

- A. Aware that in the 25 years up to 1975 the total world population increased from just under 2,500 million to over 4,000 million and that by mid-1981 it had reached approximately 4,500 million,
- B. Aware that currently world population is growing at an average rate of 1.7 % a year which, if it continued, would mean that world population would reach over 6,000 million by the year 2000 and would double to 9,000 million approximately by the year 2020,
- C. Aware that nine-tenths of this increase¹ will take place in the less-developed world, thus, in the words of the Brandt Report :
- "compounding the task of providing food, jobs, shelter, education and health services, of mitigating absolute poverty and of meeting the colossal financial and administrative needs of rapid urbanization",
- D. Recalling the principles and objectives of the World Population Plan of Action, adopted by the United Nations World Population

¹ See Annex

Conference held in Bucharest in 1974, where the inter-relationship of population and development is recognised ("population variables influence development variables and are also influenced by them"),

- E. Noting that this issue has received considerable attention in many international fora, including the International Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development held at Colombo, Sri Lanka in August/September 1979 and at the Ottawa Summit of July 1981 and the World Economic Summit of Cancun in October 1981,
1. Shall study the relationship of population with development policies.

TABLE 3. POPULATION OF THE WORLD AND MAJOR AREAS, 1950 AND 1975, AND "MEDIUM" PROJECTIONS, 1980 AND 2000

Area	Population (millions)				Percentage increase		Percentage distribution	
	1950	1975	1980	2000	1950-1975	1975-2000	1975	2000
World	2 513	4 033	4 415	6 199	60.5	53.7	100.0	100.0
Africa	219	406	469	828	85.3	104.0	10.1	13.4
Latin America	164	323	368	608	97.1	88.5	8.0	9.8
Northern America	166	236	246	290	42.3	22.5	5.9	4.7
East Asia	673	1 063	1 136	1 406	58.0	32.2	26.4	22.7
South Asia	706	1 255	1 422	2 205	77.7	75.7	31.1	35.6
Europe	392	474	484	520	21.0	9.7	11.8	8.4
Oceania	13	21	23	30	67.3	40.0	0.5	0.5
USSR	160	254	267	312	41.3	22.6	6.3	5.0

Source: *World Population Trends and Prospects by Country, 1950-2000: Summary Report of the 1978 Assessment* (United Nations publication, ST/ESA/SER.R/33).

