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Introduction

This document presents:

- a) A summary of the recommendations made by the Board which are recorded in the Report of its Second Meeting (document CD3/4). This has been done not only for the recommendations which clearly represented a consensus of the Board, but also for some which were presented by some members and are to be taken as approved considering the fact that no dissenting views were expressed; and
- b) A brief description of the actions taken or being planned to implement those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

ACTION TAKEN OR BEING PLANNED

(1) "CELADE should try to eliminate from its activities, not later than 1971, the training of personnel at the basic level, transferring this responsibility to national institutions" (paragraph 52 of the Report).

(1) In order to create the conditions that would permit transferring to the countries the responsibility of training personnel at the basic level in demographic disciplines, National Intensive Courses with a duration of three or four months have been organized, at the Universities of Cordoba (1968 and 1970), Zulia (1969 and possibly 1971) and Catolica of Rio de Janeiro (1970), along the general lines of the Basic Course conducted by CELADE. Plans have also been advanced for the Sub-Centre to initiate in San José, beginning in August 1970, similar courses for the Central American countries. The course to be conducted by the Sub-Centre could eventually be opened to other countries, thus permitting the Santiago Basic Course to be discontinued probably after the 1971 course. On the other hand, and in order to give due attention

to the increasing demand for training of professionals acting in specialized fields of a very diversified nature, for whom the contents as well as the level of training vary in a certain degree, steps are being taken towards the intensification of the programmes applicable to "research fellowships" and in order to further a programme contemplating specialized courses for demography teachers and for personnel active in research in the biological-social field, and seminars on evaluation of family planning programmes aimed at personnel attached to services of this nature.

(2) "An improved financial picture ... would be a basic consideration should an extension of the support given by the UNDP (Special Fund) be requested" (paragraph 61).

"Suggestions were advanced that the Board should urge the participating governments... to pay their overdue contributions" (paragraph 65).

"The Board decided to appeal to the participating Governments whose contributions for the years 1967, 1968 and 1969 still remain outstanding... to pay them as soon as possible" (paragraph 72).

(2) In compliance with Resolution CD2/II of the Board the Chairman of the Governing Board addressed a letter, dated 9 July 1969, to the Ministers of Foreign Relations of the following countries: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela, requesting their good offices in order that the overdue contributions of those countries be paid at the earliest possible date. As a result of this exhortation the financial picture improved notably, as shown by the statement of payments of the governments' cash contributions enclosed as Appendix VI to document CD3/7.

- (3) "It would also be convenient to make an evaluation of what has been accomplished so far, with a view to an eventual extension of the project on the basis of those accomplishments and of what has still to be done" (paragraph 62).
- (4) "The Board was also of the opinion that the question of the legal status of CELADE should be resolved in order to allow the Centre to carry out its activities in a normal way" (paragraph 61).
- (5) "... the governments had to be the ones who should initiate the request for the extension of the financial support given by the UNDP (Special Fund) to the project which must be signed by a minimum of five of them" (paragraph 66).
- (3) The Executing Agency (the United Nations) has appointed a mission made up of two demographers in order to carry out an evaluation of the activities of CELADE to start by the end of May or early June 1970. The Board will deal with this subject when discussing point 4 of the Agenda.
- (4) Headquarters informed CELADE very recently that there were no new developments regarding the legal status of the Centre. CELADE, therefore, continues without a legal personality, situation which, if it is true that so far has not posed any serious difficulty to the carrying out of the activities of the Centre, especially with regard to signing of contracts, acquisitions, renewal of equipment, etc., a critical situation could conceivably develop at any given moment.
- (5) As a result of Resolution CD2/I adopted by the Board approving the request made by the representatives of the governments at its Second Meeting held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 13 through 16 June 1969, by means of which the United Nations, Executing Agency of the project, was requested to initiate consultations aimed at the implementation of an extension of the United Nations Development Programme (Special Fund) project of assistance to CELADE for a further period of at least five years beginning 1 May 1971, the following governments have expressed their support of a

second phase of the project with a duration of five years:

Chile. The Representative of the Government of Chile on the Board, Mr. Sergio Chaparro, established direct contact with the Chilean Foreign Ministry in order to transmit the Board's resolution and request official action with regard to the petition made in connection with the extension of the project. The reply was highly positive, after receiving from the National Planning Office (ODEPLAN) a brief report submitted by the Representative of the Government of Chile on the activities carried out by CELADE and the benefits derived from them by the host country of the Centre. The Foreign Ministry transmitted a formal request to the UNDP (Special Fund) for the extension of the project, request which was in turn sent out to New York Headquarters through the Resident Representative of the UNDP in Chile on 26 November 1969.

Peru. Mr. Benjamín Samamé, one of the two Representatives of the remaining participating governments on the Board, took action aimed at getting the official support of the Peruvian Government to the request for extension of the project. As a result of these consultations, the Peruvian Foreign Ministry by means of Resolution of 5 September 1969 transmitted instructions to the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations

in order that action be taken "with special diligence" before the pertinent officials of the UNDP aimed at getting their approval of the request for extension of the CELADE project for a period of five years, beginning on 1 May 1971.

Argentina. On 20 November 1969 the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme in Argentina informed CELADE that a resolution had been approved on 14 October 1969 by the Director of the Department of International Organizations announcing that the Argentine authorities had decided to express their official support of the request for extension of the project for a period of five years, continuing to contribute, as heretofore, with an annual sum equivalent to US\$7,000.

Brazil. It has been reported that the President of the IBGE Foundation has requested the Minister of Planning to take early action in order to secure the support of Brazil to the continuation of CELADE pledging the necessary financial contribution.

Other countries. In addition to the aforementioned countries, the Governments of the Dominican Republic and Uruguay, which so far have not participated in the project, have expressed their willingness to lead their

support, although this decision has not materialized as yet. Unofficial reports have reached CELADE indicating that preliminary consultations have been made within the Governments of Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico aimed at getting the support of these governments to the continuation of CELADE.

- (6) "...the Board should aim at having a complete draft request for consideration at its 1970 session...for submission to the Governing Council of the Special Fund for their consideration at its January 1971 meeting ... For this purpose, the Board will submit to the UNDP (Special Fund) the request prepared by all of the participating governments" (paragraph 68).
- (6) At the request of the Chilean Foreign Ministry, CELADE gave its assistance in the preparation of a first draft of a Plan of Operation for the second phase of the project. The Chilean Foreign Ministry transmitted this draft to the United Nations Development Programme (Special Fund) through the Resident Representative of the UNDP in Chile. The aforementioned first draft will, of course, have to be revised taking into account the observations that might be raised by the Governing Board at its Third Meeting and the additional activities which eventually might be entrusted to CELADE should the project be extended.
- (7) Operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Resolution CD2/I adopted by the Governing Board state:
- "2. To request the United Nations, the Executing Agency of the project, to consult the governments participating in the project of assistance to the Centre and to give them all possible help in preparing their requests for the extension of the project which they have decided to submit
- (7) Any action taken with regard to paragraph 2 of the Resolution should be reported to the Board by the Representative of the Executing Agency. However, up to mid-April 1970, no action has been reported in this respect.
- The action to be taken by the Chairman of the Board in compliance with the recommendation made in paragraph 3 of the Resolution depended on prior action by the Executing Agency with regard to the recommendation contained

individually to the United Nations Development Programme (Special Fund);

- "3. To request the Resident Representatives, through the Chairman of the Board, to undertake whatever consultations are required with the participating Governments and to make the necessary arrangements for the transmittal of the requests referred to in paragraph 2 above;
- "4. To request the Representatives of the Governments on the Board to give the participating Governments all possible help in the preparation of the requests which they have decided to submit to the United Nations Development Programme (Special Fund) for the purposes mentioned above;"
(paragraph 71).
- (8) Paragraph 2 of Resolution CD2/II requested the Chairman of the Board to transmit the Resolution "to all of the participating Governments, together with a detailed statement of each one's payment of contributions, and to thank all those Governments whose contributions have been fully paid before the opening of the second session of the Board." (paragraph 72).

in paragraph 2 of the same Resolution.

As regards paragraph 4, on 9 July 1969 the Chairman of the Governing Board of CELADE addressed himself to the Government Representatives on the Board, Messrs. Sergio Chaparro, Rodrigo Gutiérrez, Alvaro López and Benjamín Samamé in order to transmit to them the final text of Resolution CD2/I, calling their attention to operative paragraph 4 which exhorted them to give the participating Governments all possible help in the preparation of the requests which they had decided to submit to the UNDP (Special Fund) for the purposes of extending the CELADE project for an additional period of five years.

- (8) In addition to the action taken as described in paragraph 2 above, and in compliance with Resolution CD2/II, the Chairman of the Governing Board sent out letters, dated 9 July 1969, to the Ministries of Foreign Relations of Guatemala, Honduras and Panama, in order to transmit the contents of the Resolution adopted as regards the gratitude expressed by the Board to the above mentioned Governments for having the payment of their contributions to the project up to date.

(9) By Resolution CD2/III the Board decided "to express its gratitude to the Agency for International Development, the Population Council, the Ford Foundation and the Inter American Development Bank" for "the valuable financial aid extended to the Centre, without which many of the Centre's activities could not have been undertaken". The Board decided as well to "urge the same institutions to continue to support the Centre beyond 30 April 1971, when the project is now scheduled to come to an end should its existence be extended, as recommended by the Governing Board."

(9) On 9 and 11 July 1969 the Chairman of the Governing Board sent out letters to the institutions mentioned by the Resolution in order to transmit to them its contents and to express the Board's gratitude for the important financial aid extended to CELADE and for their valuable cooperation with the Centre in carrying out its activities in the region. The same institutions were urged to continue to lend their valuable assistance to the Centre beyond 30 April 1971, mindful of the contents of Resolution CD2/I adopted by the Board in connection with the request for extension of the project of assistance by the UNDP (Special Fund) to CELADE.

The Ford Foundation informed that, in accordance with Foundation policy, they will be glad to consider further assistance beyond the present grant at a later point when the life of the grant had expired and there has been opportunity for overall evaluation of accomplishments. On their part, the Population Council informed that they expected to follow the activities of CELADE with the same deep interest in the future as they had in the past, and to find opportunities for continuing collaboration and support. Also, the Agency for International Development indicated that the request to continue to support CELADE beyond 1971 will be studied carefully and the pertinent decision would be transmitted to CELADE as soon as available.

(10) "It would also be useful for the Latin American Governments if CELADE would include in its training programmes the consideration of the demographic and social aspects of family planning, perhaps by means of establishing a course of one-year duration" (paragraph 83).

"Various members of the Board were of the opinion that it would perhaps be convenient that CELADE initiate studies in the field of family planning in view of the increasing demand which exists on this matter" (paragraph 85).

(10) In compliance with the schedule of activities included in the 1970 Work Programme, which was submitted to the consideration of the Governing Board as a provisional document, CELADE has started to give attention to the subject of evaluation of family planning programmes. Two members of the professional staff of CELADE attended Seminars dealing with this subject, which took place in Bangkok and Seoul. From 5 through 9 January 1970 CELADE organized at its Santiago headquarters a Workshop to which a group of seven experts from the United States, Europe and Asia was invited to discuss with the professional staff of CELADE the techniques currently utilized for the evaluation of family planning programmes. On the basis of the experience gathered thanks to the attendance to the two above mentioned Seminars, and of the discussions held by the Workshop, a Seminar has been organized, with the duration of one month from 19 May 1970, to which two professionals connected with programmes of family planning from each Latin American country have been invited. It is expected that approximately 40 professionals attached to those programmes will attend the Seminar. The programme of this Seminar will be submitted to the consideration of the Board.

It is also worth mentioning the assistance lent by CELADE during the last few years through the delivery of lectures on demographic subjects included in the programmes of three

international courses which take place in Santiago especially within the Latin American programme of training in family planning in which from 100 to 150 professionals participate every year and in a similar programme conducted by the Medical Faculty of the University of Costa Rica with the participation of personnel from the Sub-Centre of CELADE.

On the other hand, with regard to studies in the field of family planning through field research, special mention should be made of a collaboration with a Department of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Chile in the PLANFAM and "La Calera" projects, as mentioned in document CD3/8.

(11) "The Board recommended that the efforts being made be intensified by CELADE in order to get official recognition through the bestowal of an academic degree... efforts in this connection should be aimed at the universities of the region, with special emphasis upon the universities of Chile and Costa Rica, host countries of the Centre and the Sub-Centre, respectively" (paragraph 87).

(11) The Office of the Director of CELADE decided that in view of the process of reform currently under way in the University of Chile, the atmosphere was not conducive to a successful initiation of action of the nature recommended by the Board. As soon as the arrangements being made in order to formalize the initiation of an intensive course at the Sub-Centre give reason to believe that this will actually be possible, the Assistant Director in charge of the Sub-Centre will hold consultations with the University of Costa Rica aimed at implementing the Board's recommendation.

In this connection it was also made known that courses taken at CELADE by some of its former fellows had been partially recognized when they

enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania for certain courses.

(12) It was recommended that the Centre utilize the Offices of the Resident Representatives of the UNDP in the Latin American countries in order to have the results of the surveys and other activities of CELADE reach the Governments (paragraph 91).

(12) Up to now the publications of CELADE had been sent out to the Resident Representatives as a part of the normal dispatch of its printing material. This practice has been modified in the sense that the publications sent out to the Resident Representatives are now accompanied by a special letter when the publication deals with studies or activities of particular interest to the country where they are accredited. A new practice has been established as well in order to send the Resident Representative copies of the reports submitted by the experts of CELADE at the end of their technical assistance missions in the various countries of the region.

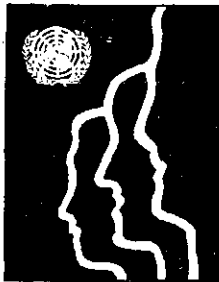
(13) Operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of Resolution CD2/IV adopted by the Governing Board decided:

(13) The Director of CELADE is keeping this recommendation very much in mind for the time when discussions are held with regard to the second phase of the project, estimating that it would be then more appropriate to seek the implementation of this provision.

"1. To request the institutions that have been supporting the research programme to give the Centre the necessary discretion to use part of the approved research appropriations, when expedient, for the financing of research projects that entail relatively little expenditure;

"2. To recommend that the Director of the Centre should make the necessary proposals for the implementation of the above request for submission in due course to the institutions concerned."
(paragraph 101).

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