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English Version of the Statement

A multifaceted strategy for accomplishing these objectives has been followed. On the one hand, ESCWA has increasingly become involved with regional demographic centers, national population councils and concerned ministries. On the other hand, it has successfully established cooperation and created links with international, regional and national organizations to advance population and development activities. Meanwhile, its strategies encompass the following aspects:

- Monitoring the progress made by Arab nations in the implementation of the Programme of Action that was adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994;
- Raising awareness about the importance of demographic changes and increasing the understanding of the linkages between demographic changes, economic growth and Social equity;
- Strengthening national capacities in the formulation of population policies and integrating

macro level policies geared to improving the quality of life and the well-being of youth will be

integrating demographic changes in the process of planning and policy formulation. ESCWA

collaborated with UNFPA, national population councils and research centers in the region.

In a parallel effort to raise awareness, ESCWA published the quarterly Social Development Bulletin on the links between international migration and development. In view of the economic, social

political and demographic changes that are expected to occur at the regional level, the bulletin highlights the significance of international migration and discusses the impact of