

Resolution for the Commission on Population and Development

Topic: *Population, Education, and Sustainable Development*

The Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling the objectives and principles set forth in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other relevant international agreements that highlight the importance of education in addressing population and sustainable development challenges,

Recognizing that population dynamics, such as rapid population growth, aging populations, urbanization, and migration, have direct and profound impacts on the achievement of sustainable development,

Emphasizing the role of comprehensive population education in fostering awareness among individuals, families, and communities about the connections between population growth, health, resource use, and environmental sustainability, contributing to better long-term development outcomes,

Acknowledging that equal access to education for all, particularly for women, girls, and marginalized populations, is essential to addressing population challenges, improving health outcomes and access to decent work,

Concerned that high population growth rates and unequal access to education can lead to increased levels of poverty, gender inequality, and an increase in the scarcity of resources in many developing countries,

Noting that population education enhances awareness of family planning, health care, environmental sustainability, and responsible resource management,

Affirming that empowering individuals through education is a critical strategy to address high fertility rates, reduce early marriage and adolescent pregnancies, and promote informed decision-making about family size and the use of resources,

Recognizing the critical role of women's empowerment and gender equality in reducing fertility rates, improving child and maternal health, and fostering sustainable economic development,

Underlining that climate change and environmental degradation pose significant challenges to sustainable development, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations, and that population education can play a role in mitigating these impacts by providing individuals with the knowledge to make informed decisions about family planning, leading to slower population growth and by promoting sustainable lifestyles and climate adaptation practices,

Recognizing that when the population of a country increases that additional funds will be needed to accommodate an increase in school enrolment,

1. *Highlighting* the contributions of civil society, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector in implementing education programs that address population issues and promote sustainable development;
2. *Acknowledging* the impact of climate change on population migration and displacement, and the importance of educating vulnerable communities about adaptation and mitigation strategies;
3. *Urges* Member States to integrate population education into formal and informal education systems at all levels, with a focus on sustainable development, family planning, health literacy, and environmental awareness;
4. *Encourages* governments to ensure gender-sensitive educational programs, particularly for women and girls, to address barriers to education and empower them to make informed choices regarding health and family size;
5. *Calls upon* governments to develop and implement national policies that address the interconnections between population dynamics and sustainable development goals, including poverty reduction, education, and environmental sustainability;
6. *Recommends* targeted investments in rural and underserved areas to improve access to quality education, including population education and health services, as a means to reduce inequalities;

7. *Urges* Member States to promote comprehensive reproductive health education, including family planning, to reduce unintended pregnancies and improve maternal and child health outcome;

8. *Calls for* public-private partnerships to develop innovative educational materials and digital tools that enhance population awareness and sustainable development practices;

9. *Encourages* governments to support community-based initiatives that promote awareness of population dynamics and sustainable development among marginalized and indigenous communities;

10. *Emphasizes* the importance of educating youth about responsible consumption, environmental protection, and climate change as key components of population education;

11. *Calls for* increased investment in teacher training programs to equip educators with the necessary skills and resources to teach population education effectively;

12. *Urges* the inclusion of population-related topics, including the impacts of urbanization and migration, in national development strategies and school curricula;

13. *Encourages* the development of national programs to educate women and girls about the socio-economic benefits of delaying early marriage and childbirth;

14. *Recommends* that Member States strengthen data collection and analysis on population trends in order to inform policy decisions on the allocation of public funds to ensure that the education system within a country has the financial resources when an increase in the school enrollment is projected;

15. *Stresses* the importance of promoting gender equality in education by ensuring that girls, including those in rural and conflict-affected areas, have equal access to learning opportunities;

16. *Encourages* regional cooperation in developing cross-border population education programs to address common challenges related to migration, resource use, and environmental sustainability;

17. Calls for the development of life skills programs that link population education with employment, financial literacy, and civic participation to enhance sustainable development outcomes;

18. Stresses the importance of educating communities about sustainable agricultural practices and natural resource management to mitigate the environmental impacts of population growth;

19. Recommends that Member States implement educational campaigns on the benefits of smaller family sizes and their role in achieving sustainable economic growth and environmental conservation;

20. Calls upon Member States to engage youth-led organizations in the design and implementation of population education programs to ensure relevance;

21. Encourages the use of digital platforms and social media to disseminate information on population education, especially among youth and remote populations;

22. Stresses the need for national education plans to be adaptable to the evolving impacts of climate change, migration, and technological change on population dynamics;

23. Recommends the establishment of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assess the effectiveness of population education programs and their contribution to sustainable development goals;

24. Calls upon Member States to foster dialogue and partnerships with civil society and the private sector to strengthen population education efforts and ensure their sustainability.