

ATTACHMENT 3

Background information materials

World Summit for Children

Statement of Agreement on the World Summit for Children

Their Excellencies Prime Minister Mulroney of Canada, President Mubarak of Egypt, President Traore of Mali, President Salinas de Gortari of Mexico, Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan and Prime Minister Carlsson of Sweden have agreed to call a World Summit for Children, to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York in late September 1990, to enhance political commitment for the benefit of children, nationally and internationally.

Personal Representatives of the six Initiating Heads of State or Government have consulted among themselves and with other Governments and with the Secretariat of the United Nations Children's Fund. They concluded their exploratory discussions with a meeting in Geneva on 12-13 November 1989, which agreed to the following elements as the basis for a World Summit of Heads of State or Government on Children.

Purpose

The purpose of the World Summit for Children is to bring attention and promote commitment, at the highest political level, to goals and strategies for ensuring the survival, protection and development of children, as key elements in the socio-economic development of all countries and human society. The aim is to stimulate new initiatives in all countries, and among the international community, to address those issues that most critically affect children for the decades ahead. The meeting will result in a Declaration of commitment to achieving these goals in the 1990s. The Initiators believe that the Summit also can accelerate ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Experience in recent years with the approaches known generally as the "Child Survival and Development Revolution" has demonstrated that dramatic progress can be achieved in reducing child deaths and improving child health and well-being. The necessary mobilization of multiple sectors of government and society to achieve this progress invariably requires the personal and active involvement of national leaders. It has also been demonstrated that this improvement in the survival of children through the involvement of parents contributes to a subsequent greater voluntary reduction in births.

The growing impact on children of several critical global problems - notably war and violence, poverty, debt, degradation of the environment, and drugs - must also be a major concern of all political leaders. These issues present a challenge which demands concerted international action.

The Initiators would view a new commitment by the world's leaders to protect the lives of children and to promote their well-being as a reaffirmation of the obligation under the Charter of the United Nations "to save succeeding generations". Making the survival, development and well-being of children a focus and a test of successful development efforts would affirm that the ultimate purpose of development is to enhance human capabilities and the human condition.

Date and Venue

The World Summit for Children is called for Saturday evening and Sunday, 29-30 September 1990, and, if necessary, Monday morning, 1 October, prior to the convening of that day's session of the General Assembly.

Invitations

The Initiating Heads of State or Government, through their Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, have requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to extend invitations on their behalf personally to all Heads of State or Government of Member States of the United Nations (participating in the General Assembly) and its specialized agencies, with special encouragement to the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the Executive Board of UNICEF. It is hoped that the invitations can be extended at the earliest possible date to allow all States to take full advantage of the available preparatory period.

Facilities and Secretariat

The Initiating Heads of State or Government welcome the agreement of the Secretary-General to make available for the Summit the facilities and services of the United Nations, and to provide a secretariat through the Secretariat of UNICEF and the United Nations Department of Conference Services, under the responsibility of the Executive Director of UNICEF. They further welcome the agreement of the Executive Board of UNICEF to this proposition, and accept the recommendations enumerated in its Resolution of 22 December 1989.

Planning Committee

A Planning Committee for the World Summit for Children is constituted of Personal Representatives of the Initiating Heads of State or Government, as well as of such additional States as the Planning Committee, in consultation with the Secretary-General, may determine. The Personal Representatives of the Initiators shall facilitate the work of the Planning Committee.

Review by the Executive Board of UNICEF

The principal policy recommendations regarding the agenda and proposed substantive product of the Summit will be shared with the Executive Board of UNICEF for review and comment.

Draft Agenda

The draft agenda for the Summit includes the following:

1. Opening of the Summit, election of two co-chairs, adoption of agenda.
2. Statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
3. Address by the Executive Director of UNICEF.
4. General discussion of Objectives for the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s.

[Several possible formats for the structure of the general discussion have been suggested, including: (a) 5-minute plenary statements by each participating Head of State or Government, or by representative Heads of State or Government; (b) a free exchange of views on key issues, in either closed or public session; or (c) some combination of the above.]
5. Adoption and signing of a World Declaration for the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s.
6. Conclusion of the Summit.

Participation of all sectors of society

In the process of preparing for the Summit, all sectors of society are encouraged to consider their possibilities for contributing to the improved survival, protection and development of children. Important work in this field can be done by international organizations and institutions, non-governmental organizations, the media and professional associations, community organizations and public leaders, as well as authorities of government at various levels. The Initiators welcome efforts by UNICEF and other institutions to encourage this participation, and in various ways to seek to derive maximum benefit for children as a result of the call for the Summit.

Financial contributions toward the costs of the Summit

All Governments and non-governmental organizations and institutions are encouraged to contribute to the financing of the Summit and related activities, according to their means. The early pledges by Canada (C\$250,000), Egypt (US\$75,000), Mali (US\$57,500), Mexico (US\$75,000), Pakistan (US\$50,000) and Sweden (US\$200,000), as well as pledges by NGOs, are noted with appreciation.

Budget and administration

The Initiators note the Estimates prepared by the Executive Director of UNICEF for a Budget and plan of administration for the preparation and organization of the Summit. They request the earliest possible review of this Budget by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and its advice to guide the Planning Committee and the UNICEF Executive Board in the establishment of the Budget. Voluntary contributions to this Budget by all Member States and non-governmental sources are encouraged.

The Initiators welcome the decision of the Executive Board of UNICEF to authorize supplemental expenditures in support of activities related to the Summit, and to appeal for voluntary contributions to finance those activities.

The Initiators further request the Executive Director of UNICEF to propose a workplan for the Planning Committee, particularly including identification of those issues which can be addressed by a working group in New York to be designated by the Planning Committee, and those issues which should be reserved for action by the formal Planning Committee.

originally agreed:

Geneva

13 November 1989

updated:

New York

8 February 1990



Economic and Social Council

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26 February 1990

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Executive Board
Special session

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN

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The Executive Board

1. Welcomes the initiative of the Governments of Canada, Egypt, Mali, Mexico, Pakistan and Sweden in calling for a World Summit for Children;
2. Takes note of the Statement of Agreement on the Summit, which is contained in document E/ICEF/1989/15, as well as the views expressed by the Executive Board at its special session;
3. Notes the intent that the Summit be held at United Nations Headquarters at the time of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly and requests the Executive Director, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, to consult Governments on a suitable date for the Summit, taking into account the advice of the Committee on Conferences;
4. Agrees that UNICEF should provide secretariat support for the preparation of a Summit Meeting for Children;
5. Stresses the importance of thorough preparations for this Summit, particularly with regard to a proposed World Declaration for the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s that should serve as a main outcome of the Summit;
6. Requests the Executive Director to invite relevant interested United Nations organizations and bodies, particularly the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Population Fund, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme and the International Labour Organisation, to contribute to the preparatory process for the Summit meeting;
7. Takes note of planning arrangements to date and the recent establishment by the initiators of an ad hoc Planning Committee;

8. Recognizes the important role the six initiating Governments will continue to play in the preparations of the Summit meeting;

9. Requests, in the light of the great interest the international community has shown in the World Summit, that the membership of the ad hoc Planning Committee be expanded to include other interested Governments;

10. Decides that the Executive Board and the Planning Committee should work in close co-operation and consultation in order to ensure that the preparations of the Summit and the proposed Summit Declaration have the maximum support of the international community and, to this end;

(a) Requests the Chairman of the Planning Committee to inform the Executive Board on a regular basis on the state of the preparations of the World Summit;

(b) Decides that the Executive Board will review - on the basis of information provided by the Planning Committee and the Executive Director - the preparations, including agenda, themes, modalities and the proposed Summit Declaration at its session in April, as well as at a special session later in the year, the date of which can be decided during the Board session in April;

11. Requests the Executive Director to revise the draft budgets for the Summit and related mobilization activities for the further review of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, taking into account the views expressed during the Executive Board special session, and to submit the revised budgets to the next meeting of the Executive Board. The maximum ceilings for preparation of the revised budgets should be set to \$1.5 million for the Summit and \$2.0 million for mobilization activities;

12. Requests the Executive Director to establish a special account for the preparation and organization of the Summit meeting and a special account for mobilization activities related to the Summit, both to be financed from extrabudgetary resources, on the following basis:

(a) Funds would be utilized in accordance with UNICEF financial rules and regulations;

(b) Budgetary funds could be transferred between allotment accounts as required;

13. Decides, as a temporary arrangement and until the approval of the budget by the Executive Board, that the Executive Director can enter into necessary committal expenditures from general resources in a receivable account for the preparation of the Summit meeting to an amount of \$700,000;

14. Further decides, as a temporary arrangement and until approval of a revised budget for mobilization activities by the Executive Board, that the Executive Director can enter into necessary commitment for expenditures from general resources in a receivable account up to an amount of \$650,000;

15. Appeals to Governments to make voluntary contributions to the special accounts for the World Summit for Children.

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Members of the Planning Committee

(as of 19 March 1990)

<u>ALGERIA:</u>	(Observer/Invited)
<u>BANGLADESH:</u>	<u>H.E. Mrs. Syeda Razia Faiz*</u> Minister for Women's Affairs
+ <u>CANADA:</u>	<u>H.E. Mr. L. Yves Fortier*</u> Permanent Representative to the United Nations
<u>CHINA:</u>	<u>H.E. Mr. Li Luye*</u> Permanent Representative to the United Nations
+ <u>EGYPT:</u>	<u>H.E. Mr. Esmat Abdel Meguid*</u> Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs
<u>FINLAND:</u>	<u>H.E. Dr. Klaus Törnudd*</u> Permanent Representative to the United Nations
<u>FRANCE:</u>	<u>H.E. Mme. Hélène Dorlhac*</u> Secretary of State for the Family
<u>INDIA:</u>	<u>H.E. Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee*</u> Member of Parliament
<u>INDONESIA:</u>	<u>H.E. Mr. Soepardjo Roestam*</u> Minister Coordinator for People's Welfare
<u>IRELAND:</u>	<u>H.E. Mr. Francis Mahon Hayes*</u> Permanent Representative to the United Nations
<u>ITALY:</u>	<u>H.E. Mr. Vieri Traxler*</u> Permanent Representative to the United Nations
<u>JAPAN:</u>	(invited)

* designated Personal Representative of Head of State or Government
+ Initiating Government

MALAYSIA: (Observer/Invited)

+ MALI: H.E. M. Abdoulaye Diallo*
Minister of Health and Social Affairs

+ MEXICO: H.E. Mr. Andrés Rozental*
Under-Secretary of State

NETHERLANDS: H.E. Mr. Jan Pronk*
Minister for Development Co-operation

NIGERIA: (invited)

+ PAKISTAN: H.E. Senator Javed Jabbar*
Minister of State for Science and Technology

SENEGAL: (invited)

+ SWEDEN: H.E. Mr. Hans Dahlgren*
Advisor to the Prime Minister

UGANDA: H.E. Prof. Perezzi Karikubiro-Kamunanwire*
Permanent Representative to the U.N.

U.S.S.R.: H.E. Mr. Aleksandr M. Belonogov*(ad interim)
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

U.K.: H.E. Sir Crispin Tickell*
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

U.S.A.: H.E. Mr. Peter Teeley*
U.S. Representative to UNICEF

VENEZUELA: H.E. Dr. Andrés Aguilar*
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Permanent Representative to the United Nations

ZIMBABWE: H.E. Dr. Isack Mudenge* (ad interim)
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

Ex officio:

UNICEF: Mr. James P. Grant
Executive Director

Secretariat: Mr. Michael Shower
Executive Secretary for the Summit

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Suggested Schedule for the Planning Committee and related meetings/activities

18 March	<u>Initiators meeting</u>
19 March	<u>2nd meeting of the Planning Committee</u>
by 30 March	circulation of status report to UNICEF Executive Board and other interested parties
16-27 April	<u>UNICEF Executive Board</u> (regular session)
2-3 May	<u>Declaration Working Group meeting</u> drafting process on 1st draft of the Declaration/annex
by 16 May	circulation of 1st draft of the Declaration/annex
7 June	<u>Initiators meeting</u>
8 June	<u>3rd meeting of the Planning Committee</u>
	<u>Declaration Working Group meeting</u> drafting process on 2nd draft of the Declaration/annex
by 25 June	circulation of 2nd draft of the Declaration
by 20 July	reactions to 2nd draft of the Declaration
30-31 July	<u>Declaration Working Group meeting</u> drafting process on 3rd draft of the Declaration/annex

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by 10 August	circulation of 3rd draft of the Declaration to members of the Planning Committee and the UNICEF Executive Board
6-7 September	<u>UNICEF Executive Board</u> (special session)
10 September	<u>Initiators meeting</u> preparation and circulation of penultimate draft of the Declaration
27 September	<u>Initiators meeting</u>
28 September	<u>4th meeting of the Planning Committee</u>
29-30 September	<u>WORLD SUMMIT FOR CHILDREN</u>
1 October	presentation of the Declaration
5 November	(possible) <u>Initiators meeting</u>
6 November	(possible) <u>Final meeting of the Planning Committee for review and follow-up</u>