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Dear

Statistics on Children and Youth

As you know, the scanty character of statistical and other information on children and youth has been a handicap to UNICEF and to individual countries in planning, in project preparation and implementation and in systematic appraisals of progress. In recent years UNICEF has worked in co-operation with the Economic Commissions for Africa, Asia and the Far East, and Latin America, with a view to identifying statistical needs pertaining to children and youth and preparing appropriate programmes of work. In the light of efforts which have already been made, a preliminary note has been drawn up with the object of seeking comment and advice from other agencies of the United Nations.

UNICEF is well aware that various agencies within the United Nations including the Statistical Division, the Population Division and other units in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the specialized agencies and the regional economic commissions, have devoted substantial resources to the improvement of statistics, and progress is being made in a number of directions. In fields which bear specially on children and youth, UNICEF would now like to obtain your assistance and suggestions in developing practical and phased programmes of work, to begin with in a few selected countries. This objective is of such importance for the development of children and youth that UNICEF would be willing to devote some limited resources to it. The main considerations with which the subject is being approached by UNICEF are set out in the paper which accompanies this letter. We would greatly value information on action such as has already been taken by you in areas of interest to UNICEF, and an indication of such further programmes as you may have in view over the next two or three years. After hearing from you, it might be helpful to arrange for discussions at a personal level.

Yours sincerely,

Tarlok Singh