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JPG NOTES ON SUMMIT MEETING

UNICEF house 1-2 October, 1989

Summit: What can it only do? Raising issue of children on world's agenda for 1990s - making what is important immediate.

1. Appraise world leaders of opportunities for achievement at low-cost.
2. Draw worldwide media attention to issues of children.
3. Foothills activities
 - Associated activities
 - Religious, medical, etc.
4. A real chance of getting goals for 1990s:
 - Under-5 Mortality Rate
 - TT
 - Universal primary education
 - Polio
 - Guinea Worm
5. Could put Convention into orbit.

Sign a Children's Charter for 1990s.

- Mobilize community revolution to:
 - (1) empower people with Facts for Life, and
 - (2) mobilize Primary Health Care workers to be able to support above.
- Safe motherhood initiative. (See Allan Rosenfeld/Lancet.)

The principal

- Nutrition goal - halving malnutrition.
- Education - regain lost momentum.
- Research.
- Convention - to where a breach is considered unconscionable.
- Eradicate polio.
- Downgrade measles. U5MR 5 70 or halving.
- Cut blindness by half.
- Guinea Worm.
- Virtual elimination of neonatal tetanus.
- Bring vaccine preventable deaths down from 3 million in 1990 to less than 1 million by 1995, 1/2 million by 2000.

Essence of civilization is protection of the vulnerable and of the future. Children, like the environment, are both vulnerable and the future.

Quotable Phrases/Thoughts

- Toynbee, Principle of "First Call".
- LDC governments now spend 1/2 their expenditures on debt and military.
- 1-1/2 million children without polio effects thanks...

- Largest penetration of children ever to be entrusted to mankind. 1.5 billion will be born.
- Summit:
 - Save the lives of 50 million - 1990, 1 million - 1992.
 - Despite a free press, a leader can set the agenda.

Debt trap:

If all developing countries had the same under-5 death rates and the same birth rates as the average for Sri Lanka, Republic of Korea, (?) Chile (or) China, Thailand and Cuba then the annual rate of population growth would be reduced by 30 per cent and the world would see 11 million fewer child deaths each year - and 39 million fewer births.

- Morality must march with change in capacity.
- ORT: Limited use - see Sec. 2, p. 14, 46 Country WHO Survey: ORT use - 14 per cent doctors, 4 per cent nurses, 8 per cent para-professionals, 9 per cent CHW.

Goals

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|------|---------|-------|-------|
| 1990 | 3.82/2 | 1.91 | |
| | 4.66/2 | 2.33 | = 420 |
| 1991 | 5.47/2 | 2.73 | = 400 |
| 1992 | 6.27/2 | 3.135 | = 400 |
| 1993 | 7.08/2 | 3.54 | = 405 |
| 1994 | 7.88/2 | 3.94 | = 400 |
| 1995 | 8.69/2 | 4.345 | = 405 |
| 1996 | 9.39/2 | 4.695 | = 315 |
| 1997 | 10.09/2 | 5.04 | = 345 |
| 1998 | 10.79/2 | 5.395 | = 355 |
| 1999 | 11.49/2 | 5.745 | |
| 2000 | 12.19/2 | 6.095 | |

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| 52 | 58 |

Fortier

1. Possible alternatives.
 2. Whether Executive Board of UNICEF involved.
 3. Complexities of Summit:
 - If 40, left out.
 - If 40, what to do with them?
- 10,000: 7,000

Rosenthal

- Time at UNGA - NY.

Dahlgren

1. What do they do when they get here?
 - Be careful as to links between Summit and 25 million child lives.
2. Objectives?
 - Higher on political agenda
 - Threat of war to child
 - Environment threat
 - Economic and _____ to child

Could push all these.
3. Format:
 - Favour special meeting rather than with GA.
 - Favour time linkage to UNGA opening - help UNGA.
 - Believes important to have a Declaration.
 - Paper by 6 initiators on structure of Summit.

EPI/ORT = 3 million 8,500/9,000 daily.
If can half EPI/ORT 14,000 can save 7,000.

Diallo

- Children should be a centre of all, but frankly have not.
- Moment of greatest impact for Summit. Will add greatly to force for children therefore support.

Fortier

- Similar view to Dahlgren.
- Canada has endorsed concept of Summit for children - has and still does.
- Still have some questions due to orthodox view of Summit:
 - Canada owes it to UNICEF supporters in Canada to anticipate questions that could arise - not certain yet that they can go to Prime Minister to say Fear Not - Summit will succeed!

Gobal Consensus

- Agree on principle of Summit.
- We want it to succeed...
 - If 150 million goal unrealistic, put Convention first.

Jabbar

- Concerns regarding environment, peace, drugs.

Rosenthal

- Questions as whether we can exclude heads of state - what can Summit achieve?

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1. Speakers at UNGA.
 - 8 + 8 7 + 7
 - night session: 1985
2. Narrow _____.

Rosenthal

- How to avoid a "Hague" or have two few.
- Start widening circle now.
 - Include US, USSR, Venezuela.

Jabbar

- Documentation

Dahlgren

- All confirm very much interested that Summit takes place. Only hesitancy is need for firm plan for success therefore need for a piece of agreed paper.

Diallo

- Where political weight behind an agreed proposal greater chance of success.
- In own county, Mali will have series of discussions/debates on children-oriented issues.
- Struck by high rate of morbidity in children.
- Education, training, placement of children important.

Jabbar

- Reference to war and peace, alleviation of economic justice, environment.

Rosenthal

- Role of UNICEF of Executive Board.
- Pending (1) agenda and (2) objectives.

Beth Armstrong

- Key issues are (1) and (2) above.

Dahlgren

1. Document more detailed than expected - key is bottom p. 2.
2. Omit page 1.
3. What are we going to do needs to be included.
4. Agrees environment, economy.

Shaaban

- Need to itemize.
- Supports p. 3 re. invitees. Should there be a NY Planning Group?

- Planning Group to send first version of Declaration and Strategy to Executive Board, who then make comments to Planning Group.
- Yes, World Declaration.

Jabbar

- "Initiators" - Group of 6.

Rosenthal

- Debt
- Degradation of environment.

Jabbar

1. Need decision to "Yes, Summit" subject further elaboration. If necessary, replace with Venezuela.
2. Plan for issuing invitations early November or late October (1 November).
3. Initial invitations to Executive Board plus Turkey, Brazil. Open to others to invite themselves in by certain date, e.g. six months before, or by 1 May post-UNICEF Executive Board.
4. Decision on NY-based Working Group of initiators: Montano, Elliason, Nasim Ahmed, Fortier, Diakite (Jakite), Badawi.
5. Planning Group: Include US/USSR - China/India.