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A Note on Discussions regarding the proposed World Summit for Children

Representatives of the Governments of Canada, Egypt, Mali, Mexico, Pakistan and Sweden have consulted among themselves and with other Governments and with the Secretariat of the United Nations Children's Fund on the question of a World Summit for Children, and have identified the following elements as being the possible basis for such a Summit.

Purpose

The purpose of a World Summit for children is to identify goals and strategies for the improvement of the lives of children in the decade ahead. It would focus especially on objectives which would benefit from the attention and commitment of the highest levels of national and world leadership. The aim would be to stimulate new initiatives in all countries, and among the international community, to address the urgent needs of children.

A World Summit for Children could:

- enable national leaders to identify opportunities for collaborative action between and within countries for the protection of children;
- strengthen the role of national leaders in ensuring sustained attention to the needs of children in all circumstances;
- create a new awareness of the opportunities which exist to improve the chances of a healthy life for all children;
- enhance the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and
- establish, through a Joint Declaration, an agenda for national and international action for the benefit of children.

Opportunities to improve the lives of children

Significant progress has been made during recent years for the survival, health and development of children. This is a result of the application of new techniques and technologies through society-wide mobilizations. These approaches offer a promise of further improvement in child health and development for hundreds of millions of children in the years ahead.

Moreover, the growing impact on children of several critical global problems must be a major concern of all political leaders: the degradation of the environment, debt and economic disparity, drugs, and the threat of war and violence. These issues present a challenge which demands international political action.

Realizing the promise of the present opportunities, and responding to the challenge of current adversities, would be facilitated by a commitment of national leaders to a specific agenda for action. This would include ensuring that low-cost basic services for the protection of life and health are available to all children and their families. It would also stress that the needs of children - their health, their nurturing, and their development - should be assured appropriate consideration when national and international policies which affect them are formulated.

Date and Venue

The Summit should be convened in September 1990, in association with the opening of the General Debate of the 45th General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Invitations

The Initiating Heads of State or Government, through their Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, should request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to extend invitations in their behalf to the Heads of State or Government of those representative Member States which are elected to the membership of the Executive Board of UNICEF. The Secretary-General should advise the Heads of State or Government of all other States that their personal participation in the Summit would also be welcome.

Facilities and Secretariat

The Secretary-General should be requested 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.

Planning Committee

A Planning Committee for the World Summit of Children should be 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.

Review by the Executive Board of UNICEF

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

Draft Agenda

The draft agenda for the Summit should include 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; (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 should be 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.

Financial contributions toward the costs of the Summit

All Governments should be encouraged to contribute to the financing of the Summit and related activities, according to their means. The early pledges by Canada (C\$ 250,000) and Pakistan (US\$ 50,000) have been noted with appreciation.

Target date for Invitations

Decisions by Heads of State or Government to participate as Initiators of a World Summit for Children should be secured by 15 November 1989. Invitations should be issued soon thereafter.

Next Steps

Consultations will continue with a view to agreeing on formulations of the points mentioned in this paper; identifying a precise date for the Summit; addressing other questions such as the budget for the Summit and related activities; elaborating on the format and structure of the meeting; and identifying other Governments to be invited to participate in the planning process.

A next formal meeting of the Personal Representatives is planned for 12-13 November in Geneva. The views and suggestions of each of the six Heads of State or Government now involved in the consultations will be communicated as they become available, and particularly by 30 October 1989.

3 October 1989
New York