

DOCUMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND NOT FOR PUBLIC USE

MASTER FILES
ROOM C-525

0450

SM/94/43

February 17, 1994

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: Report on the Forty-Eighth General Assembly Session
of the United Nations

Attached for the information of the Executive Directors is a report on the forty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly held in New York from September 21 through December 23, 1993.

Mr. R. Bhatia (ext. 36959) is available to answer technical or factual questions relating to this paper.

Att: (1)

Other Distribution:
Department Heads

policy advice and technical assistance to the economies in transition and promote cooperation with the IMF and the World Bank in their operations in these countries.

The UN is to hold an International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo in September 1994, and the World Summit on Social Development in Copenhagen in March 1995. The General Assembly reviewed preparations for the ICPD and endorsed the draft outline of the final declaration which emphasizes population issues, including women's health and education, at the center of a strategy for sustainable development. The General Assembly also approved arrangements for the World Summit for Social Development, and invited various international organizations to contribute actively to its preparation.

The General Assembly authorized the establishment of UN unified field offices in 9 of the former Soviet Union republics, to be coordinated by "Resident Coordinators." The expectation is that the unified offices would lead to a more cost effective UN field presence.