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**AGENDA ITEM 4: PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND FUTURE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF
THE SECRETARIAT IN THE FIELD OF POPULATION**

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND PROGRESS OF
WORK IN THE FIELD OF POPULATION IN 2016: POPULATION DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS (E/CN.9/2017/5)**

**NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE PERIOD
2018-2019: SUBPROGRAMME 5, POPULATION, OF PROGRAMME 7, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS (E/CN.9/2017/CRP.1)**

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on Population and Development. The work of the Division also has been shaped by the resolutions and decisions of the Commission on Population and Development, and by relevant resolutions of

In the area of international migration, the Population Division organized the Fourteenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration, which was held in New York in February 2016. The meeting took stock of the progress made in implementing the migration-related commitments contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in the Declaration of the second High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development. It also provided a venue to coordinate activities and initiatives undertaken in preparation for the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants, which took place on 19 September 2016. During 2016, the Division responded to an unprecedented number of requests for briefing notes, talking points and statements on international migration and related issues for senior officials of the United Nations.

Madame Chairperson,

As part of its work on population policies, the Division published a data booklet on presenting information on selected government policies to promote rural development and sustainable urbanization. In 2016, the Division continued its work toward the development of the *Global Abortion Policies* project, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO). The goal of the project is to develop an interactive, open-access database of information about abortion laws and policies.

As part of population and development, the Population Division continued its work to document the process of urbanization around the world, publishing a data booklet on which highlights current and future trajectories of city populations around the globe. The booklet focuses on the period from 2016 to 2030 and is based on data from the *World Urbanization Prospects: The 2014 Revision*.

In 2016, the Population Division initiated the development of an interactive database to archive and display geographic coordinates of city boundaries according to various definitions and the size of the associated populations as enumerated in national censuses work on

The Population Division has continued to support intergovernmental processes on topics related to population and development, including migration and development. To this end, the Division worked on the preparation of the reports of the Secretary-General on the special themes of the 49th and 50th sessions of the Commission on Population and Development. In addition, for the 49th session in April 2016, the Division prepared the report of the Secretary-General on world demographic trends. By request from ECOSOC, it also prepared a note on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development.

The Population Division has actively supported intergovernmental discussions of international migration taking place in the General Assembly. In 2016, it prepared the report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development for the consideration of that item by the Second Committee during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, and then supported the intergovernmental negotiation of GA resolution 71/237.

The Population Division supported the work of the Special Adviser appointed to lead the preparation of the Summit for Refugees and Migrants on 19 September, and the work of the Office of the President of the General Assembly. The Division also supported the co-facilitators who led the intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome of the Summit, known as the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants (or General Assembly resolution 71/1).

The Population Division convenes expert group meetings both to advance its analytic work and to strengthen the substantive aspects of its support for intergovernmental processes. In October 2016, it convened an expert group

which informed the Secretary-

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