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declined, which is in accordance with the recommendation of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo, Egypt, in 1994, on the advisability that the governments adopt sustainable development strategies at the regional level of rural areas and small and medium size cities.

In the first half of the 1990s, the volume of internal migrants ranged between 170 and 190 thousand persons per year. There was a decline later, a trend that continues today and which in 2007 reached its lowest level, with around 66 thousand internal migrants. The capital's population is decreasing and the relative incidence of its population in the total number of inhabitants of the country has decreased compared to previous decades.

Moreover, small and middle-size cities continue to grow, although the country's urbanization level is not growing, while the rural population is, which has a larger natural growth.

However, there are some unwanted internal migration trends, towards areas requiring less labour force and not towards those which do require it, specifically farming areas.

Overcoming these trends requires the organization and conciliation of social needs and