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## United Nations (United Nations Population Fund) and Nepal

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement between the Government of Nepal and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on the application mutatis mutandis of the Basic Agreement between the Government of Nepal and the United Nations Development Programme concluded on 23 February 1984, to the activities and personnel of UNFPA in Nepal. New York, 26 February 1996, and Kathmandu, 3 October 1996

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# Organisation des Nations Unies (Fonds des Nations Unies pour la population)

## et Népal

Échange de lettres constituant un accord entre le Gouvernement du Népal et le Fonds des Nations Unies pour la population (FNUAP) concernant l'application mutatis mutandis de l'Accord de base entre le Gouvernement du Népal et le Programme des Nations Unies pour le développement conclu le 23 février 1984, aux activités et au personnel du FNUAP au Népal. New York, 26 février 1996, et Katmandou, 3 octobre 1996

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26 February 1996

#### Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly decision 50/438 of 20 December 1995 on UNFPA Institutional Arrangements. This decision endorses the agreement between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund to designate the Fund's resident Country Directors as UNFPA Representatives. This important action of the General Assembly is the natural consequence of developments in the United Nations system for operational activities, notably the UN Resident Coordinator System, and in the area of population assistance, notably in the follow-up to the seminal International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD).

The UNFPA Representatives, heretofore called UNFPA resident Country Directors, will function fully as part of the UN Resident Coordinator System, thereby further enhancing its coherence in accordance with pertinent General Assembly resolutions on operational activities, particularly General Assembly resolutions 47/199 and 50/120. By thus strengthening the authority, effectiveness and visibility of UNFPA at the country level, this refinement in UNFPA institutional arrangements will be particularly important in the context of collaboration and complementarity among UN agencies and organizations in supporting your Government to implement its population programme and the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action of the ICPD.

Accordingly, I have the honour to designate Mr. Swatantra K. Alok (heretofore UNFPA Country Director) as the UNFPA Representative in Nepal. Mr. Alok will have, on behalf of UNFPA, overall responsibility for the operational activities of the Fund in Nepal. He will be responsible to me for discharging these functions which will be carried out in conformity with the priorities established by your competent national authorities.

His Excellency
The Hon. Prakash Chandra Lohani
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Kathmandu
Nepal

Guided by the intentions of the General Assembly, I have the honour to invite you to arrange for Mr. Swatantra K. Alok, in the performance of his functions, to receive the co-operation of the appropriate authorities in Nepal and to express the confidence that this designation will serve to strengthen the collaboration between your Government and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in your country.

Heretofore UNFPA was part of the Basic Assistance Agreement between the United Nations Development Programme and Nepal. With the new institutional arrangements of UNFPA as per the General Assembly Decision we propose that the Basic Assistance Agreement of UNDP apply mutatis mutandis to UNFPA. We would be grateful if such could be agreed by Exchange of Letters between UNFPA and your Government.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration,

Nafis Sadik, M.D.
Under-Secretary-General