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Re. Mr. Clausen's

speech on population this
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April 12, 1984

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Roy - See
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Memorandum to the Executive Directors

Subject: WORLD DEVELOPMENT REPORT 1984

I am forwarding for your consideration the draft World Development Report 1984--the seventh in this annual series assessing development issues. Part I reviews trends in the international economy and their implications for the developing countries. As in previous years, Part II is devoted to a special topic; this year the focus is on population change and its links with development. The Report again includes updated World Development Indicators, which set out selected social and economic data for more than 100 countries.

Economic recovery is now well established in most industrial countries, reviving international trade and providing better prospects for growth in the developing countries. But, the international financial system remains strained, and some developing countries are still being adversely affected by high interest rates in the industrial world. To improve their external accounts and service their debt, many developing countries are reducing their imports and cutting back domestic investment, in the process reducing their long-term potential for growth.

Part I this year examines the effects of fiscal and labor market problems, and their resulting inflation, on the deterioration of economic performance in industrial countries since the 1960s. In an increasingly interdependent world, the effects of low growth and these related problems are felt in developing countries in the form of less buoyant demand for their exports, high interest rates for borrowing, and uncertainty about investment based on fear that protectionism could increase. If the industrial countries fail to regain the growth rates they managed in the 1950s and 1960s, many

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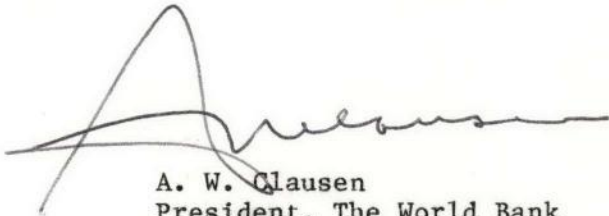
countries in the developing world will have difficulty making progress in the years ahead. Indeed, countries in sub-Saharan Africa could experience declining real incomes. Even in a harsh international climate, however, developing countries can take action to improve their own economic performance. Developing countries share the problems of developed countries: fiscal deficits and distorted labor markets. This year's Report highlights once again the need for countries to encourage better allocation of resources by pursuing outward-oriented development strategies and generally by allowing prices to reflect scarcity values.

Current financial strains should not obscure long-term development issues. Part II of this Report shows the critical need for developing countries to renew efforts to slow their continuing rapid population growth. Population growth, in earlier centuries a sign of prosperity, has now become a harbinger of continued poverty. In the poorest countries of the world, and among the poorest groups within countries, population growth is rapid. Poverty contributes to high mortality and even higher fertility. It thereby creates a vicious circle: the slow pace at which development reaches the poor contributes to rapid population growth, making the elimination of poverty increasingly difficult.

Even with success in efforts to slow population growth, future population growth will still be heavily concentrated in what are now the poorer areas of the globe. Thus the average level of human welfare will depend largely on the degree of economic and social transformation in those areas. The poverty of those areas cannot be blamed on rapid population growth alone; the causes of poverty go well beyond population change. Nor will reducing population growth alone ensure their economic transformation. But this Report shows that slowing the pace of population growth can make a

difference--and that the ingredients for doing so are also those that will increase economic growth.

Population is a subject that touches issues as fundamental as personal freedom and the nature of economic and social progress. This Report tries to do it full justice, in a sensitive and thought-provoking way. It is a staff report, and the judgments expressed in it do not necessarily reflect the view of our Board of Directors or the governments they represent.



A. W. Clausen
President, The World Bank

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Nancy:

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Roy Southworth

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March 22, 1984

Agenda for Friday, March 30, 1984 Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

1. WDR -- Progress Report, Nancy Birdsall (oral presentation).
2. * Performance Planning and Review, G. S. Kaji, R. A. Calkins.
2.1 Report (Paijmans) Performance Planning and Review (PPR),
March 9, 1984.
3. * Monthly Financial Report, H. Hittmair.
3.1 Monthly Financial Report February 1984.
4. IDA - SCI Situation, Moeen Qureshi (oral presentation).
5. Graduation, Ernest Stern (oral presentation).
6. Lunch (Mr. Clausen's Dining Room).

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