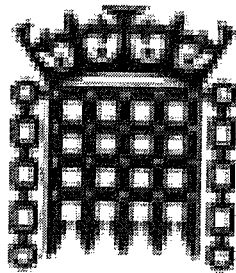


**ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON
POPULATION, DEVELOPMENT AND
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**



**ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES
1993/1994**

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The All-Party Group on Population and Development was set up in 1979.

AIMS:

In the UK

1. To keep under review population policies, family planning programmes, contraceptive techniques and practices and population education.
2. To maintain contact with the Department of Health and with relevant independent organisations working in this field.
3. To study results of research into causes and consequences of population changes and to draw these to the attention of both Houses of Parliament with a view to framing practical measures towards a balanced population policy.

Overseas

4. To keep under review population trends, policies and programmes of other countries and the impact that population growth, structure and distribution has on their programmes of economic and social development and reproductive health.
5. In consultation with Government departments, especially the Overseas Development Administration (ODA), and international agencies such as the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) as well as with the independent organisations such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), to assess how this country might best respond to requests from outside for assistance and to press for action by Parliament.
6. To maintain contact and cooperation with kindred parliamentary groups worldwide and to encourage the setting up of such parliamentary groups in other countries.

PUBLICATIONS

"European Agenda for Action on World Population - Report of the European Parliamentarians Conference, London 31.1-1.2.1992

"NGO Review 1993 The Well-Spent Pound: an assessment of aid agency priorities for population activities".

ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Review of Activities 1993/1994

by Group Chairman, Richard Ottaway MP

**UN International Conference on Population and Development
(ICPD) CAIRO 5-13 SEPTEMBER 1994**

The Parliamentary year 1993/1994 was primarily focussed on the preparations for the UN International Conference on Population and Development which took place in Cairo from 5 to 13 September of this year. Tony Worthington attended a meeting in New York in April organised by Parliamentarians for Global Action whilst at the same time Dilys Cossey attended the third Preparatory Committee meeting in New York as an NGO member of the UK delegation. Dilys Cossey and I attended ICPD Cairo as members of the official UK Delegation whilst Tony Worthington MP attended the Global Parliamentarians meeting in Cairo during the run-up to the official opening of ICPD 1994.

THE NGO REVIEW 7 March 1994

The launch of the Group's publication "The NGO Review 1993: The Well Spent Pound; an assessment of aid agency priorities for population activities" took place with a morning press conference and evening reception on 7 March in the House of Commons. The Group is most grateful to Population Concern who financed the bulk of the project and to the participating NGOs who gave so freely of their time. This parliamentary investigation, as a contribution to the Cairo population debate, concluded that more effective use should be made of development aid by expanding the work of NGOs with a commitment to family planning projects and encouraging development agencies to undertake more family planning and reproductive health activities. The Review recommended priority funding for family planning and reproductive health projects overseas, and called on the Government to increase the ODA aid allocated to population activities from 1.5% to 4% of the aid budget by the year 2000.

The NGO Review 1994 received good Press coverage and encouraging feedback from international and national governmental and non-governmental organisations.

I am grateful to my Parliamentary colleagues for their help and support in undertaking this Review and to Wendy Smith for her technical assistance in writing and editing the report.

Copies of the Review are available from Dilys Cossey/Trudy Davies, Room 301, Norman Shaw South, Victoria Embankment, London SW1A 2HZ.

HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, 22 March 1994

Group members and their guests were addressed by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh in the House of Commons on 22 March. Speaking in his capacity of International President of the World Wide Fund for Nature, Prince Philip said "the most significant underlying factor in the decline of biological diversity and the increasing rate at which wild species of animals and plants are becoming extinct, has been the explosive growth of the human population over the last hundred years". He spoke specifically about the problems of space, consumption of energy, effluents, exploitation of natural resources, degradation of the environment, fresh water shortage, and migration of animal species and humans from rural to urban areas. Prince Philip ended his speech by saying "I do not believe there is even a faint glimmer of hope of preserving significant biological diversity while the human population continues to grow".

The Group is most grateful to His Royal Highness for having made time available in his heavy schedule to address members and their guests on these pressing issues.

**JOINT MEETING WITH APG ON AIDS ADDRESSED BY BARONESS CHALKER
26 April 1994**

The Group took the initiative for a joint meeting with the all-Party Group on AIDS, as its members felt that a combination of family planning, prevention of HIV infection and treatment services in reproductive health projects would be desirable. Both Groups were delighted when The Rt Hon The Baroness Chalker agreed to address the meeting on 26 April, 1994 setting out the Government's policy on "Living with HIV; Challenges and New Approaches".

The Minister said that both the provision of family planning services and the prevention of HIV Infection were sensitive and politically charged issues. ODA provided aid to address HIV in at least 17 countries giving direct financial support to 17 National AIDS Control Programmes through the Global Programme on AIDS. Three critical lessons were learned:

1. the need for multisectoral responses to HIV and AIDS
2. the need to support better care for people with HIV
3. the need for partnership with the communities.

Baroness Chalker said "Given that family planning services focus on sexual activity, the sensible policy would be to combine family planning, sexually transmitted disease treatment services, prevention of HIV infection and services for safer childbirth. ... We need to find ways to integrate STD prevention, including information about HIV and promotion on safer sex into family planning programmes.

Both Groups were grateful to Baroness Chalker for setting out so clearly the rethinking done by the ODA on the government's policy on aid for HIV and AIDS, also in the context of family planning and reproductive health projects.

RECEPTIONS:

LAUNCH "MARIE STOPEs INTERNATIONAL BRIEFING PACK", 29 JUNE 1994

The Group hosted the launch of the Marie Stopes International Briefing Pack on Population and Development, - a comprehensive reference document written specifically for use by parliamentarians and their advisers -, in the House of Commons on 29 June 1994.

In her opening remarks, The Rt Hon The Baroness Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development, said "the pack would make a valuable contribution to the process of creating an informed climate for debate and action".

The Group members congratulated Marie Stopes International on a most useful publication which "presents complex, sometimes controversial arguments and issues in a clear and concise way." They applauded the MSI initiative to have the briefing pack translated into a number of foreign languages.

The Group congratulated the Chief Executive of Marie Stopes International, Dr Tim Black, on the award of the CBE in the Birthday Honours List and felt that this was not only good news for Marie Stopes but also indicated recognition for family planning and reproductive health care activities in the public sector.

The Group hopes that the close and friendly working relationship which has existed for many years between Marie Stopes and the Parliamentary Group will continue well into the future.

WORLD POPULATION DAY, 11 JULY 1994

The Group hosted a reception in the House of Commons on 11 July with Dr. David Bellamy, President of Population Concern, for parliamentarians, diplomats, NGOs and the donor community, to mark World Population Day 1994. The hosts were delighted with the presence of The Rt Hon The Baroness Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development, and congratulated her on her announcement earlier in the day at the Royal Society that funding for population and reproductive health activities would be increased to £100 million over two years, which represented an increase of approximately 60%, or some 200% over the last 5 years.

Dr David Bellamy made an impassioned plea for recognition of the danger to the environment of the planet if population growth was not kept in balance.

The Group is most grateful to Population Concern for its continued generous support.

OVERSEAS CONTACTS

Members of the Committee and members of staff have been engaged in keeping in close contact with NGOs working in Europe, the US and developing countries.

Thanks to the generosity of Marie Stopes International Richard Ottaway MP visited family planning projects in Ethiopia in January. Tony Worthington MP, by kind courtesy of Population Concern, visited projects in Sierra Leone during the Easter Recess.

Lord Rea travelled to Finland in December 1993 to speak to a meeting of Finnish parliamentarians, organised by the Finnish FPA, about the work of the British Group and the relevance of this experience to a proposed Finnish parliamentarians Group.

On 6 April Dilys Cossey, Group adviser, spoke in the Danish Parliament to parliamentarians and their guests about the work of the UK all-Party Group on Population and Development.

Tony Worthington MP attended in April in New York a Global Parliamentarians meeting during the third Preparatory Committee meeting in preparation of the UN International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo in September, and Dilys Cossey attended the Preparatory Meeting as an NGO member of the UK delegation.

Staff have assisted Danish, German, Greek and French NGOs in their efforts to establish Parliamentary Groups in their countries.

The President of the US Population Council, Mrs Margaret Catley-Carlson, addressed members of the Group in the House of Commons on 10 February.

On 8 December 1993 Mr James Purcell, Director General of "International Organisation for Migration (IOM)" in Geneva addressed Group members on "Migration, Population and Development".

The staff of the Group and the staff of the European Parliament Working Group on Population and Development have had a series of consultative meetings.

The staff of the Group, together with the staff of the European Parliament Group and Marie Stopes International, have been making preparations for a training seminar in 1995 on the work of parliamentary population groups for the benefit of European NGOs.

Dilys Cossey (Adviser) attended an EC Population meeting in Brussels on 28 February and Trudy Davies (Administrator) attended European NGO meetings in Paris on 21 January and in Brussels on 21 February 1994.

UK PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES November 1993/October 1994

Parliamentary Written and Oral Questions have been asked regularly on a range of issues including the UN Conference on Population and Development, UK ODA funding for family planning and reproductive health care, the Global Commission on Population and Development, OECD, European Community Development Aid, new ODA population initiatives, ODA contributions to UNFPA, IPPF and WHO/HCR, and to NGOs. Details are mentioned in the summary of activities and meetings in Annexe I.

On 11 July, Viscount Craigavon initiated a 10-minute debate in the House of Lords with a Starred Question on "Third World: Reproductive Health Services". He asked the Minister for Overseas Development, the Rt Hon Baroness Chalker, to persuade European colleagues to increase their contributions to family planning.

On 20 July Richard Ottaway MP initiated an Adjournment Debate in the context of the UN Conference on Population and Development in Cairo in September 1994. He made a wide ranging speech concerning population growth, resources, reproductive and adolescent health care, scientific research, and the influence of the Vatican on the global population debate.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Group will continue its series of briefings on all aspects of population and development and maintain its contacts with development NGOs and institutions, and with ODA Health and Population Division.

It plans a Round Table discussion with Women NGOs early 1995, preparing a report for the Beijing UN Conference on Women 1995, sponsored by Population Concern.

By generous invitation of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), a study tour of family planning projects in Pakistan and Bangladesh will take place in January 1995. Two UK parliamentarians (Baroness Flather and Jon Owen-Jones MP) will be joined by 2 MEPs and MPs from Finland and Germany.

The Group is most grateful to IPPF for its continued support and encouragement of the Group's activities.

Arrangements are being discussed for a series of seminars with Members of the European Parliament and colleagues of parliaments in the member countries of the EU and a wider Europe, to review and follow up the recommendations of the UN Cairo Population Conference of September 1994.

Meetings are being arranged with

1. the Resident Representative in London of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Mr. Mikio Nakamura
2. Frances Kissling, President of "Catholics for a Free Choice"
3. Dr. Evert Ketting, Dep. Director of the Netherlands Institute of Social Sexological Research.

Whilst 1993/94 has been an extremely busy and varied time for the Group, the coming year seems already equally subscribed and interesting. This is due in no small measure to the leading international role the UK Parliamentary Group has acquired - in my view as a direct result of the follow-up of the two European Parliamentarians Conferences hosted by the British Group in 1984 and 1992.

The membership has been growing with equal strength and here I should like to thank all members and in particular Committee members and Dilys Cossey and Trudy Davies for their hard work and unfailing support in the preceding year.

Group members were delighted with the news in January that Dilys Cossey had been awarded the OBE in the New Year's Honours List for her longstanding services to family planning and women's health. A surprise celebration party took place at the Chairman's home attended by the Minister for Overseas Development, Baroness Chalker, parliamentarians, civil servants, colleagues, family and friends.

Though greatly encouraged by Baroness Chalker's success this year in substantially increasing British aid funding for population activities and reproductive health, there still is much to be done, particularly in the international field and in the encouraging and monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations made in Cairo this year. I am looking forward to the challenge.

Richard Ottaway MP
Chairman

October 1994

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ANNEXE I

All Party Parliamentary Group on Population and Development

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 1993/1994

1. General Meetings:

- 23 November 1993 Annual General Meeting
Dr Tim Black, Director Marie Stopes
International "Social Marketing"
- 22 March 1994 HRH The Duke of Edinburgh "Population and
the Environment"

2. Briefings for Committee/Group Members

- 8 December 1993 James Purcell, Director General
International Organization for Migration
(Geneva) "Migration, Population and
Development"
- 10 February 1994 Mrs Margaret Catley-Carlson, President US
Population Council "The Global Population
Issue: Incendiary or Imaginary?"
- 26 April 1994 The Rt Hon Baroness Chalker "Living with
HIV, Challenges and New Approaches"
(jointly with APG on AIDS).
- 11 May 1994 Report-back by Richard Ottaway MP on his
study tour of Ethiopia and by Tony
Worthington MP on his study tour of
Sierra Leone.

3. Functions

- 7 March 1994 Reception for the launch of the Group's
publication "NGO Report 1993"
- 29 June 1994 Reception for the launch of Marie Stopes
International's parliamentary briefing
pack with Dr Tim Black CBE, Director of
MSI
- 11 July 1994 Reception to mark World Population Day
1994 with Dr David Bellamy, President of
Population Concern.

4. Committee meetings Nov. 93/94

23 November, 1993 AGM

12 January 1994
23 February 1994
11 May 1994
5 July 1994
18 October, 1994

5. Parliamentary activities:

Written Parliamentary Questions:

19 January 1994
26 January 1994
10 February 1994
17 May 1994
18 May 1994
19 July 1994
21 July 1994

Oral Parliamentary Questions:

17 January 1994
7 July 1994
18 July 1994

Debates:

2 March (House of Lords)
15 June (House of Lords)
22 June (House of Commons)
11 July (House of Lords)
21 July (House of Commons)

6. Business meetings attended by MPs/staff

- a) Staff meeting Euro Conf III MSI 7.1.94
- b) European Network meeting Paris 21.1.94 (TD)
- c) Staff meeting with Global Commission on Population and Quality of Life, 15.2
- d) ICPD PrepCom Delegation meeting 15.2.94 (DC)
- e) NGDO-EC Liaison Committee/WIDE meeting, Brussels 28.2.94 (TD)
- f) Address Dr Maher Mahran, Egyptian Minister for Population and Family Welfare 25.2.94

- g) Advocacy for Women's Health meeting 23.2 (DC)
- h) EC Population meeting, Brussels (DC)
- i) MSI Reception, House of Lords re Bosnia
- j) Advocacy for Women's Health meeting 21.3.94 (DC)
- k) Talk in Danish Parliament 6.4.94 (DC)
- l) PrepCom III New York, 9-22.4.94 (TW & DC)
- m) Visit Cardiff students 11.5.94 (VC & TD)
- n) Ghent NGO meeting 23.5.94 (DC)
- o) ActionAid Seminar 23.5.94 (TD)
- p) ODI meeting 26.5 (TD)
- q) Reception Population Concern for Mrs R Rowley 26.5.94
- r) NGO Forum ICPD 27.5.94 (DC/TD)
- s) UNICEF Lecture 13.6.94 (TD)
- t) Regent's College, address Bss Chalker 14.6.94
- u) House of Lords, UNICEF meeting 14.5.94 (TD)
- v) APG Reproductive Health 29.6.94 (DC)
- w) Staff meeting Population Concern (5.7)
- x) Royal Society 11.7.94
- y) Staff meeting Marie Stopes 14.7.94
- z) Delegates meeting ODA for ICPD (DC) 15.7.94

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- aa) Beijing Women's Conference meeting 3.8.94
- bb) Report-back ICPD ODA meeting 23.9.94
- cc) Staff meeting APG on AIDS 30.9.94
- dd) Reception JICA 5.10 (TD)
- ee) ODI: Dr Nafis Sadik meeting 17.10.94
- ff) Report-back dinner ICPD 20.10.94
- gg) Consultation Group Beijing 7.11.94
- AGM 1.11.94