REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF CONTRACEPTIVE REQUIREMENTS OF SRI LANKA FOR THE PERIOD 1981 — 1984

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FOREWORD

The UNFPA Needs Assessment Mission that visited Sri Lanka in 1980 recommended in its Report that the Government should prepare a Four-Year Rolling Plan for all contraceptive requirements, particularly in view of the fact that SIDA, the major donor of contraceptives for many years, is scheduled to stop supplies at the end of 1981.

In pursuance of this recommendation, the Ministry of Plan Implementation appointed a Committee comprising representatives of Government Ministries, International Agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations involved in family planning Activities to prepare a Four Year Rolling Plan for all contraceptive requirements for Sri Lanka for the period 1981-84.

Mr. Jim Collins, formerly of IPPF, and Mr. A. T. P. L. Abeykoon, Deputy Director, Population Division of this Ministry were responsible for co-ordinating the work of the Committee and for preparing an interim report which was submitted for consideration of the Committee. Due to time constraints the Committee was unable to examine the procedures used for the procurement of contraceptives, their distribution and storage. These aspects would however be examined in due course as it has been decided that the Committee should continue to function till these issues are examined in depth. This interim report could then be developed into a final report covering all the relevant issues and recommendations.

I am grateful to all the members of the Committee and in particular to Messers Jim Collins and A. T. P. L. Abeykoon for completing this report after considerable deliberations and for submitting it on the due date. I have no doubt that the Report will be of much use to all those who are involved in the planning and management of family planning activities in the country.

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