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in Macao, China from 9 to 11 October 2007. The ministerial-level meeting addressed progress towards meeting the commitments of MIPAA and adopted the Macao Outcome Document, which is a set of recommendations for action providing a coherent and concrete way forward on ageing matters for the Asian and Pacific region.

Further on population ageing, another meeting, convened in July 2007 called urgent

with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Seminar on the Social, Health and Economic Consequences of Population Ageing in the Context of Changing Families provided a comprehensive

Suva, Fiji. Organized in collaboration with UNFPA Suva, the Workshop contributed to

in development planning. It helped elucidate the complex relationship between population, development and poverty, demonstrating the "population effect" on economic and social

The Group has conducted research on the situation of international migration in East and South-East Asia and plans to publish it as a report, with a view to making available to policy makers and practitioners comprehensive reference material and policy recommendations. The

migration, thereby indicating the scope and status of knowledge on the issue and covering cross-cutting themes such as gender, health and regional cooperation. The report is expected to be released in the coming few months.

Another upcoming publication in the field of international migration, is a study on the social implications of international migration, highlighting the increasing scale of female migration and migration of highly skilled professionals in the region and addressing critical issues such as the protection of the rights of migrants and the provision of access to basic