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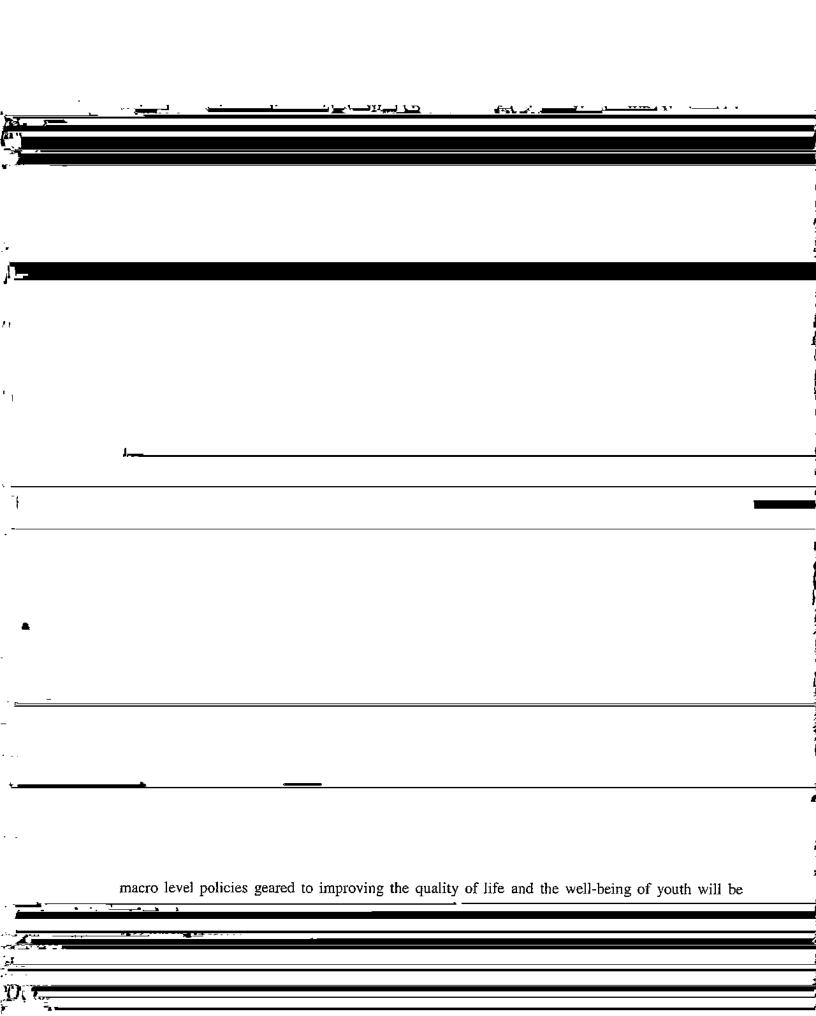
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A multifaceted strategy for accomplishing these objectives has been followed. On the one hand, ESCWA has increasingly become involved with regional demographic centers, national population councils and concerned ministries. On the other hand, it has successfully established cooperation and created links with international, regional and national organizations to advance population and development activities. Meanwhile, its strategies encompass the following aspects:

- Monitoring the progress made by Arab nations in the implementation of the Programme of Action that was adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994;
- Raising awareness about the importance of demographic changes and increasing the understanding of the linkages between demographic changes, economic growth and Social equity;

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