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INTRODUCTION

A first report on global reports was issued in December 2002 and updated in March 2004.¹ This paper presents a further update. It includes new reports published between March 2004 and July 2005 and adds reports that were published before this period but for various reasons not included in the 2004 report.

The picture that emerges from this update confirms the main finding of the 2004 report: The rise in the number of global reports on global issues continues—and is, perhaps, still accelerating.

I. DEFINITIONS

Global reports are reports that address global issues from a global perspective.

Global issues are defined as policy concerns with benefits or costs that cut across several countries in several geographic regions as well as all or several population groups, and perhaps, even generations. Besides such global public good-type concerns global issues may also relate to shared interests and preferences like the universalization of basic human rights.

No doubt, innumerable studies and analyses address global issues. Yet, the ones that interest here are those that intend to provide a broad, worldwide overview of the state of affairs in respect to "their" particular global issue.

II. MAIN FINDINGS

This update covers a total of 178 global reports, adding fifty-seven reports to the last review (March 2004). Thirty-seven of these reports were published prior to the March 2004–July 2005 period (but not taken into account in the last review) while the reports published since March 2004—the really new ones—number 20.

If grouped according to their respective sponsoring organization, it can be seen that 123 of the 178 reports were prepared by multilateral agencies. These agencies are in many instances also the sponsors of the reports prepared by the independent international commissions. Thirty-two reports were supported by nonstate entities (nongovernmental organizations, policy think tanks, academic research institutions or foundations), and three by a mixed group of multilateral and nongovernmental organizations (see figure 1 and the table in the annex).

Figure 1: Global Reports by Issuing Entity

¹ See, Office of Development Studies. 2004. "Global Reports: An Overview of their Evolution." ODS Staff Paper, UNDP, New York. [www.sdn.org/gpgn/pdfs/global_reports_march_04.pdf]

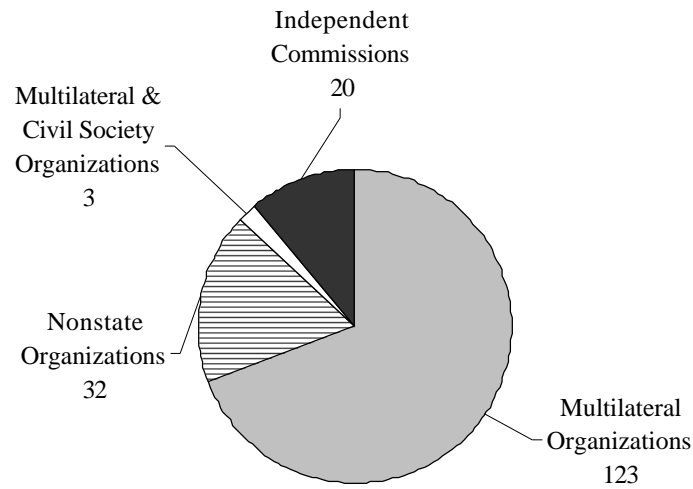


Figure 2: Global Reports by Date of Publication

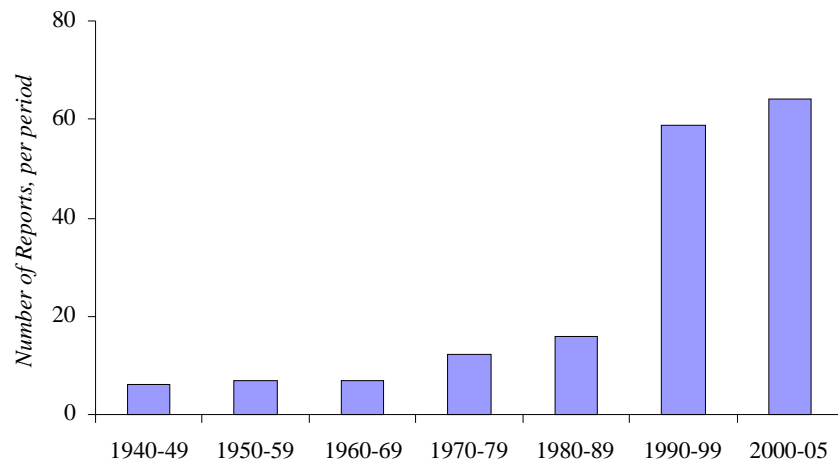


Figure 2 shows the number of global reports issued each decade since the 1940s². It shows that in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s less than ten reports were issued in each decade, with 6, 7, and 7 reports in each respective decade. In the 1970's and 1980's this number rose to 12 and 16 reports, respectively. The number of global reports then rose dramatically to 59 in the 1990s and to 64 in the first five years of the current decade—surpassing the number that all prior decades have witnessed.

² Until 1940, only 7 global reports had been issued.

CONCLUSION AND POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS

This update has tried to provide a more comprehensive and accurate portrayal of global reports. Yet, the picture that emerges is still incomplete. For one, a listing of global reports prepared by private firms is still missing. The reason is that these reports are often only available against a (relatively high) price. This made most of them inaccessible, at least for the purposes of this update. Efforts will be made to obtain a number of these reports for the next update.³

Another category of reports that interests in the present context are "global reporting initiatives": initiatives that call for country-level reports on global issues, which may or may not be synthesized by the sponsoring (often multilateral) organization. Examples are the national reports that governments prepare on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.⁴ The responsible multilateral organization in this case is the Division for the Advancement of Women of the United Nations. And the country reports are to be prepared at least every four years.

In addition, it would perhaps be desirable also to take a closer look at those reports that present a worldwide overview of a global issue but do so by addressing themselves explicitly to the concerns of one particular nation or nonstate actor (and not by talking to the world at large, as most of the reports do that are at present included in this survey).

This inventory is intended to be a "living document" and it would be appreciated, if the reader could bring to the attention of ODS any additional global reports that may not have been mentioned here or point to corrections that may be required. Comments and observations can be sent to ods@undp.org.

³ To illustrate the type of private sector-sponsored global reports, mention can be made of the following: Andersen, BDO, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Ernst and Young, Grant Thornton, KPMG, and PricewaterhouseCoopers. 2001 and 2002. *GAAP Convergence*; Control Risks Group. 2002, 2003. *Facing up to Corruption*; Global Insight. 2001, 2003, and 2005. *The Cost of Producing Crops Around the World*. Boston, Mass.: Global Insight; KPMG. 2002. *International Survey on Corporate Sustainability Reporting*. [Published as the International Survey of Environmental Reporting in 1999]; KPMG. 2004. *Global Anti-Money Laundering Survey*; PriceWaterhouseCoopers. 2003. *Economic Crime Survey*; and *The PRS Group. 1987 (annual). Political Risk Yearbook*.

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ANNEX
Global Reports by Sponsoring Organization and Year of Issuance

1 Global Reports by Multilateral Organizations				
Title	Sponsoring Organization ^(a)	Year of Publication ^(b)	Frequency of Publication ^(c)	Statistical Information Only ^(d)
Postal Statistics	Universal Postal Union	1875	A	•
Monthly Bulletin of Statistics ¹	United Nations Statistics Division	1917	M	•
World Health Statistics Annual	World Health Organization	1922	A	•
Weekly Epidemiological Record	World Health Organization	1925	W	•
Statistical Yearbook	United Nations Statistics Division	1927	A	•
BIS Annual Report ^{#,2}	Bank of International Settlements	1930	A	
Industrial Statistics Yearbook ³	United Nations Industrial Development Organization	1938	A	•
World Economic and Social Survey ⁴	United Nations	1945	A	
International Court of Justice Yearbook [#]	International Court of Justice	1947	A	•
State of the Food and Agriculture Direction of Trade Statistics	Food and Agriculture Organization	1947	A	
International Financial Statistics	International Monetary Fund	1948	A since '48, Q & M since '67	•
Demographics Yearbook	United Nations	1949	A	•
Global Forest Resource Assessment	Food and Agriculture Organization	1950	D	•
International Trade Statistics Yearbook	United Nations	1950	A	•
WMO Annual Report [#]	World Meteorological Organization	1951	A	
IAEA Annual Report [#]	International Atomic Energy Agency	1951	A	
Report on the World Social Situation	United Nations	1952	IR	
World Survey of Education	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization	1955	T	•
Narcotic Drugs: Estimated World Requirements	International Narcotics Control Board	1961	A	
World Health Statistics Annual [#]	World Health Organization	1962	A	•
International Narcotics Control Board Report [#]	International Narcotics Control Board	1962	A	
Government Finance Statistics Yearbook	International Monetary Fund	1970	A	•
Global Development Finance	World Bank	1970	A	
Balance of Payments Statistics	International Monetary Fund	1972	A	•
ITU Yearbook of Statistics	International Telecommunication Union	1973	A	•
World Culture Report	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	1975	1	
United Nations Disarmament Yearbook	United Nations	1976	A	•
Civil Aviation Statistics of the World	International Civil Aviation Organization	1976	A	•

World Development Report	World Bank	1978	A	
The State of World's Population	United Nations Population Fund	1979	A	
The World Health Report	World Health Organization	1979	A	
World Economic Outlook	International Monetary Fund	1980	A from '80-'84, 2A on	
Global Financial Stability Report ⁵	International Monetary Fund	1980	Q	
The State of the World's Children	United Nations Children's Fund	1980	A	
Trade and Development Report	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	1981	A	
Global Climate System Review	World Meteorological Organization	1982	Quasi B	
The Least Developed Countries Report	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	1983	A until '99, B after '00	
World Urbanization Prospects	United Nations	1984	B	•
Environmental Data Report	United Nations Environmental Programme	1987	B	•
World Population Monitoring	United Nations	1989	B from '89-'95, A '95 onwards	
World Investment Report ⁶	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	1990	A	
Annual Report	Financial Action Task Force	1990	A	
Global Economic Prospects	World Bank	1990/1	A	
Climate Change	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	1990/1	IR	
Human Development Report	United Nations Development Programme	1990	A	
World Education Report*	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	1991	B	
World's Women Trend and Statistics	United Nations	1991	IR	
The World Environment	United Nations Environmental Programme	1992	D	
World of Civil Aviation	International Civil Aviation Organization	1992	A	
World Telecommunication Indicators	International Telecommunications Union	1993	A	•
The State of the World's Refugees	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	1993	A	
The Progress of Nations	United Nations Children's Fund	1993	A	
International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics*	United Nations Industrial Development Organization	1994	A	•
World Science Report ⁸	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	1994	B	
World Telecommunication Development Report	International Telecommunications Union	1994	A	
World Employment Report	International Labour Organization	1995	IR	
International Trade Statistics	World Trade Organization	1995	A	•
World Agriculture: toward 2010	Food and Agriculture Organization	1995	I	
The State of World's Forests	Food and Agriculture Organization	1995	B	
Global Biodiversity Assessment	United Nations Environmental Programme	1995	IR	
Resource Requirements for	United Nations Population Fund	1995	2 reports, B	•

Population and Reproductive Health Programmes: Country Profiles for Population Assistance			after 2003	
The World Health Report*	World Health Organization	1995	A	
Global Report on Human Settlements	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements	1996	2	
World Development Indicators	World Bank	1996	A	•
Climate Change and Human Health	World Health Organization, World Meteorological Organization, United Nations Environmental Programme	1996	1	
World Health Report – Global Tuberculosis Report	World Health Organization	1996	A	
State of World Fisheries & Aquaculture	Food and Agriculture Organization	1996	B	
World Drug Report	United Nations International Drug Control Programme	1997	2	
Report on Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, and World Health Organization	1997	A	
Global Environment Outlook	United Nations Environmental Programme	1997	3	
Challenges to the Network: Telecommunications & the Internet	International Telecommunications Union	1997	IR	
World Communication and Information Report ⁹	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	1997	1	
World Culture Report*	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	1998	IR	
AIDS Epidemic Update	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS	1998	A	
Poverty Report: Overcoming Human Poverty	United Nations Development Programme	1998	3	
World Social Science Report ¹⁰	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	1999	B	
Infectious Disease Report	World Health Organization	1999	IR	
The State of Food Insecurity in the World (SOFI)	Food and Agriculture Organization	1999	A	
Global Report on Crime and Justice	United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention	1999	1	
World Economic Situation and Prospects	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs	1999	A	
Global Illicit Drug Trends	United Nations International Drug Control Programme	1999	A	•
Climate Change and Human Health ¹¹	World Health Organization	2000	1	
International Trade Statistics	World Trade Organization	2000	A	•
The Progress of the World's Women	United Nations Development Fund for Women	2000	B	
Global Synthesis: Education for All 2000 Assessment	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	2000	1	
Migration Report	United Nations /International Organization for Migration	2000	2	

State of the World's Cities	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements	2001	1	
Statistical Yearbook: Refugees, Asylum-seekers and Other Persons of Concern- Trends in Displacement	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	2001	1	
E-Commerce and Development Report	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	2001	A	
We the Children	United Nations	2001	1	
World Public Sector Report: Globalization & the State	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs / Department for Public Administration and Development Management	2001	B	
World Report on Violence and Health	World Health Organization	2002	1	
Young People and HIV/AIDS: Opportunity in Crisis	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS	2002	1	
Report of the Secretary General on the Implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration	United Nations	2002	A	
Global Employment Trends ¹²	International Labour Organization	2002	IR	
Children on the Brink 2002	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS	2002	1	
HIV/AIDS, human resources & sustainable development	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS	2002	1	
EFA Global Monitoring Report 2002	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	2002	1	
World agriculture: towards 2015/2030 ¹³	Food and Agriculture Organization	2002	1	
State of the World's Vaccines and Immunization Report	World Health Organization	2002	1	
Global Financial Stability Report ¹⁴	International Monetary Fund	2002	Q	
Water for People-Water for Life-The United Nations World Water Development Report	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	2003	1	
GEO Yearbook ¹⁵	United Nations Environmental Programme	2003	A	
Water and Sanitation in the World's Cities	United Nations Centre for Human Settlement	2003	1	
Global Defence Against the Infectious Disease Threat	World Health Organization	2003	1	
Global Population and Water	United Nations Population Fund	2003	1	
Country Profiles for Population & Reproductive Health ¹⁶	United Nations Population Fund	2003	1	
World Trade Report	World Trade Organization	2003	A	
Doing Business	World Bank	2004	A	
World Population to 2300	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs	2004	1	
World Report on Knowledge for Better Health	World Health Organization	2004	1	
Cold-water coral reefs: Out of sight-no longer out of mind	United Nations Environmental Programme	2004	1	
HIV/AIDS and work: global estimates, impact and response	International Labour Organization	2004	1	

Investing in People	United Nations Population Fund	2004	1	
World Report on Road Traffic Injury	World Health Organization & World Bank	2004	1	
Financial Resource Flows for Population Activities in 2002	United Nations Population Fund	2004	1	
Meeting the Challenge of Migration	United Nations Population Fund and the International Migration Policy Programme	2004	1	
Meeting the MDG Drinking Water and Sanitation Target: a mid-term Assessment of Progress	United Nations Children's Fund and World Health Organization	2004	1	
Progress for Children: A Child Survival Report Card	United Nations Children's Fund	2004	A	
Global Monitoring Report	World Bank & IMF	2004	A	
Reducing Disaster Risk	United Nations Development Programme – Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery	2004	1	
A Practical Plan to Achieve the MDG's	UN Millennium Project	2005	1	
2 Reports by Nonstate Organizations				
Title	Sponsoring Organization ^(a)	Year of Publication ^(b)	Frequency of Publication ^(c)	Statistical Information Only ^(d)
The Military Balance	International Institute for Strategic Studies	1958	A	
Annual Report of Amnesty International [#]	Amnesty International	1962	A	
Strategic Survey	International Institute for Strategic Studies	1966	A	
SIPRI Yearbook	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute	1969	A	
Freedom in the World	Freedom House	1978	A	•
The Global Competitiveness Report	World Economic Forum	1979	A	
Freedom of the Press	Freedom House	1980	A	
State of the World	World Watch Institute	1984	A	
Human Rights Watch World Report	Human Rights Watch	1990	A	
Yearbook of International Cooperation on Environment & Development ⁷	Fridtjof Nansen Institute	1992	A	
Vital Signs	World Watch Institute	1992	A	
The Reality of Aid	The Reality of Aid project	1993	A from 1993 to 2000 then B	
World Disasters Report	Red Cross Red Crescent	1993	A	
Transparency International Annual Report	Transparency International	1995	A	
Social Watch Annual Report	Social Watch	1996	A	
Conversion Survey	Bonn International Center on Conversion	1996	A	
Economic Freedom in the World	Fraser Institute	1996	A	
The World's Water	Pacific Institute	1998	B	
10/90 Report of Health Research [#]	Global Forum for Health Research	1999	A	
State of the World's Mothers	Save the Children	2000	A	
Small Arms Survey	Graduate Institute of International	2001	A	

	Studies, Geneva			
Global Information Technology Report	World Economic Forum	2001	A	
A World of Difference: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Risks	Population Action International	2001	1	
State of the World's Newborns	Save the Children	2001	1	
Global Corruption Report	Transparency International	2001	A	
Global Civil Society	Centre for Civil Society & London School of Economics and Political Science	2001	A	
Monitoring Financial Flows for Health Research	Global Forum For Health Research	2001	2 Reports IR	
Education for All Fast Track: The No-progress Report	Global Campaign for Education	2003	1	
Guns or Growth: Assessing the Impact of arms sales on sustainable development	Amnesty International, IANSA, Oxfam, Project Ploughshares, and Saferworld International	2004	1	
Global Governance Initiative Annual Report	World Economic Forum	2004	A	
Missing the Mark: A school report on rich countries' contribution to Universal Primary Education	Global Campaign for Education	2005	1	
Global Health Watch	Global Health Watch	2005	A	
3 Global Reports by Multilateral & Civil Society Organizations				
Title	Sponsoring Organization (a)	Year of Publication (b)	Frequency of Publication (c)	Data Presentation Only (d)
World Resources	World Resources Institute with United Nations Environmental Programme, United Nations Development Programme and World Bank as partners	1986	B	
World Energy Assessment	United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and World Energy Council	2000	1	
Living With Risk	United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, Government of Japan, World Meteorological Organization & Asian Reduction Center	2002	1	
4 Independent Commission Reports				
Title	Sponsored by (a)	Year of Publication (b)	Frequency of Publication (c)	Name of Commission
Partners in Development	World Bank	1969	1	Commission on International Development
North-South, a programme for survival	World Bank	1980	1	Independent Commission on International

				Development Issues
Common Security: A Blueprint for Survival	United Nations	1982	1	Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues
Common Crisis, North-South: Cooperation for World Recovery	World Bank	1983	1	Independent Commission on International Development Issues
Our Common Future	United Nations	1987	1	Independent Commission on Environment and Development
The Challenge to the South	Proposed by the Prime Minister of Malaysia	1990	1	South Commission
Our Creative Diversity	UNESCO	1995	1	Commission on Culture and Development
Our Global Neighborhood	Endorsed by the United Nations Secretary General	1995	1	Commission on Global Governance
The United Nations in Its Second Half-Century	Ford foundation at the request of the United Nations Secretary General	1995	1	Independent Working Group on the Future of the UN
Caring for the Future: Making the Next Decades Worth Living	Governments of Canada, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom, the International Planned Parenthood Federation, United Nations Population Fund, World Bank, Ford Foundation, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation.	1996	1	Independent Commission on Population and the Quality of Life
The Ocean: Our Future	UNESCO	1998	1	Independent World Commission on the Oceans
Our Forests: Our Future	InterAction Council	1999	1	World Commission on Forests and Sustainable Development
A Water Secure World: Vision for Water, Life and the Environment	United Nations	2000	1	World Commission for Water in the 21 st Century
Macroeconomics and Health: Investing in Health for Economic Development	World Health Organization	2001	1	Commission on Macroeconomics and Health

Financing for Development	United Nations	2001	1	High-level Panel on Financing for Development
The Responsibility to Protect	Government of Canada, Carnegie Corporation, Hewlett Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation & the Simons Foundation.	2001	1	International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty
Human Security Now: Final Reports of the Commission on Human Security	Government of Japan, Rockefeller Foundation, World Bank, Greentree Foundation, Government of Sweden, Japan Center of International Exchange, UNHCR, UNDP, & Kennedy School (Harvard U.)	2003	1	Commission on Human Security
A More Secure World: Our shared responsibility	United Nations	2004	1	High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change
A Fair Globalization: Creating Opportunities for All	International Labour Organisation	2004	1	World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization
Unleashing Entrepreneurship: Making Business Work for the Poor	United Nations	2004	1	Commission on the Private Sector & Development

- (a) Organization that sponsored the latest version of the report (and which may not have existed at the time the report was first issued).
- (b) For reports that are being published repeatedly, the year indicated in this column refers to the year of their first publication.
- (c) Frequency of Publication is indicated as A= Annually, B= Biennially, M= Monthly, W=Weekly, Q= Quarterly, D=1 every decade, T= every three years, 2A= Twice Annually, IR=Irregularly published and expecting other publications, 1= 1 Report published, 2= 2 reports published
- (d) This column indicates which reports only present data and do not interpret data, propose action, present options, or directly advance new concepts.

* Re-issuance.

These reports complement information on the activities of the organization with a substantive analysis of the issues that fall into the organization's mandate. Thus, the reports are more than just annual activity reports, which are not considered as qualifying for inclusion in this list of global reports.

1- The *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* was published by the UNSD since 1921 and previously from 1917 by the UK Board of Trade.

2- Since 1913 the League of Nations had been publishing some of the financial information of substantive interest to BIS, such as government balance sheets.

3- The *Industrial Statistics Yearbook* was replaced by the *International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics* in 1995.

4- *World Economic and Social Survey* was published as *World Economic Report* between 1945-1954 and was published as *World Economic Survey* between 1955-1993.

5- This report replaced, in 2002, the annual *International Capital Markets Report* (published since 1980) and the quarterly *Emerging Market Financing Report* (published since 2000).

6-UNCTAD's WIR report was started by the old TNC's Unit (Transnational Corporation Unit) at the UN in New York.

7-The Yearbook of *International Cooperation on Environment & Development* was known as the *Green Globe Yearbook* from 1992-1997.

8- Issues similar to the ones covered in this report were addressed earlier in UNESCO's periodical *Impact of Science on Society*, which was published from 1948 to 1992.

9-UNESCO published the *World Information Report 1997-1998* and the *World Communication Report* and in 1998-99 decided to publish one report combining the two publications

10- This report complements the discussion in the periodical *International Social Science Journal*, which UNESCO has been publishing since 1949.

11-This WHO Report expanded on the book *Climate Change and Human Health* published in 1996 by the WHO, WMO, and UNEP.

12- Appears in years when the World Employment Report does not appear.

13- Follow up to World Agriculture: toward 2010.

14-Replaces *International Capital Market Reports* published annually since 1980 and *Emerging Market Financing* published quarterly since 2000.

15- Picks up after the GEO 3 report.

16- Follow up to the 1995 Resource Requirements for Population and Reproductive Health Programmes: Programme Country Profiles for Population Assistance.