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**Article Role of Legislation in Population and Development** 

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Increasingly, it is being realized that legislation is an important tool of developmental Abstract

change. This article examines how law can influence population and development planning in the Asian and Pacific region. It reviews various trends in the evaluation of population laws and developmental laws, and recommends that efforts be made to ensure that national legal provisions are in harmony with national population and developmental goals. One suggestion is that countries establish permanent parliamentary committees to examine the population implications of draft legislation.

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