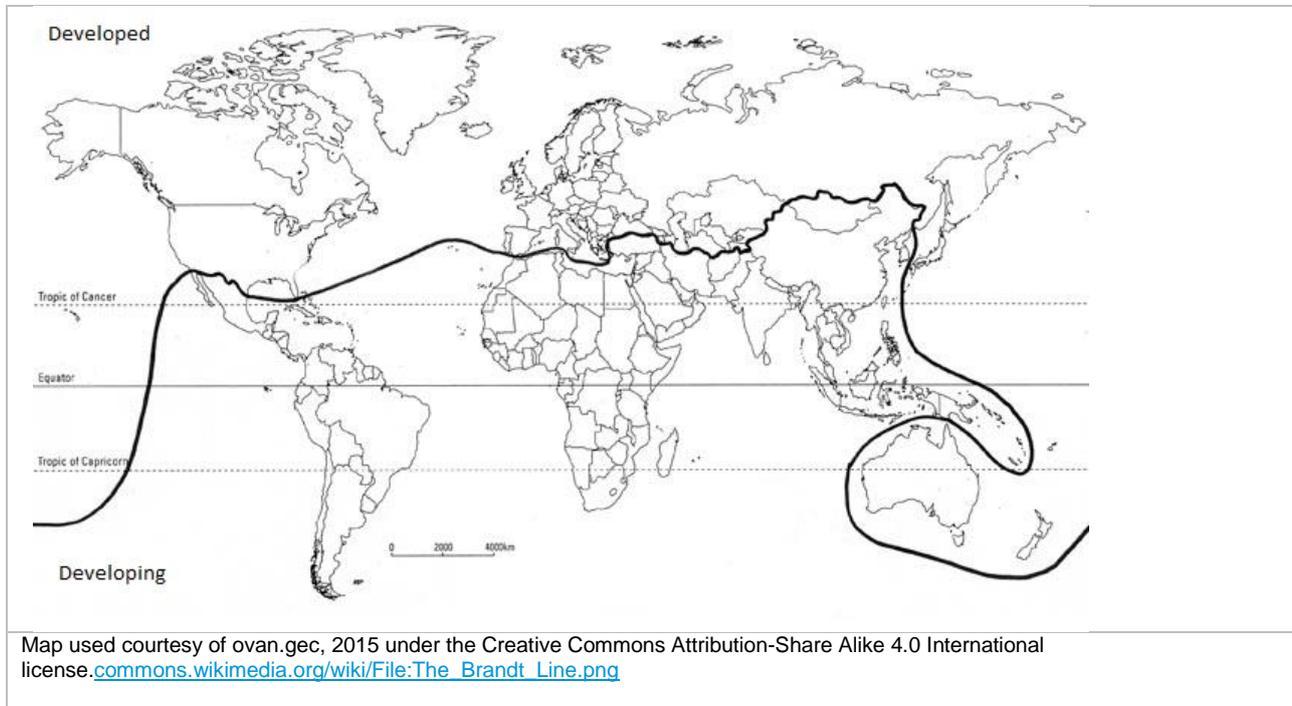


Brandt Report

The **Brandt Report** was written by the Independent Commission, first chaired by Willy Brandt (the former German Chancellor) in 1980, to review international development issues.

The report identified the Brandt Line, a north south divide between the extremely wealthy HICs and the poorer LICs.



Student tasks

1. Read the extract from the Brandt Report below.

The rush to the towns has created the same kind of misery as existed in the 19th century cities of Europe and America. But industrialisation in those days was labour-intensive, so that the cities grew as the jobs expanded.

The migration in today's developing world is often due to the lack of opportunity in the countryside – it is 'rural push' as much as 'urban pull'. The consequences of high birth rates and rapid migration are all too visible in many cities of the Third World (now referred to as LICs or LICs), with abysmal living conditions and very high unemployment or underemployment.

The strains on families, whose members are often separated, are very heavy. In Sao Paulo in Brazil, the population was growing at around 6-7 per cent annually in the late sixties and early seventies, in such appalling conditions that infant mortality was actually increasing.

The fact that people still migrate to these cities only underlines the desperate situation which they have left behind.

2. What does the Brandt Report identify as being the **two** main **causes** of **urbanisation**?

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3. What does the Brandt Report identify as **one** cause of **urban growth**?

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4. Complete the card sort to match the correct term to the appropriate definitions.

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death rate	Reasons why people are encouraged to leave rural areas.
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Causes of urbanisation

underemployment	The number of deaths per 1000 people per year.
push factors	Reasons why people are attracted to urban areas.
rural-urban migration	The growth in population resulting in an excess of births over deaths.
pull factors	The increase in the proportion of people living in towns and cities.
infant mortality	The number of live births per 1000 people per year.
urban growth	The state of not having a job.

Teaching notes

2. The Brandt Report identifies the main **cause of urbanisation** as push and pull factors encouraging rural-urban migration. However, the high birth rate in the urban areas will also contribute to a higher urbanisation percentage.
3. The Brandt Report identifies a cause of urban growth as natural increase with birth rates of 6-7 per cent annually in the late sixties and early seventies.
4. Card sort:

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