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SESSION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

Report of the meeting of the Bureau

Washington D.C., 22 September 2000

1. The Bureau met on 22 September 2000 immediately following the meeting of the Subcommittee.

2. The Bureau reviewed the decision of the Subcommittee to include an item on future agendas of the Subcommittee "that would provide an opportunity for organizations to present information on major new initiatives that they planned in their work; organizations would do this in the form of short papers (1 page) circulated in advance of the session." The Bureau thought it would be useful if the Bureau were to review the short papers and propose to the Subcommittee which papers should be for discussion and which for information.

3. The Bureau considered that it should be active (a) in the process of deciding whether guidelines should be developed for citation practices for members of the Subcommittee in their own outputs, and (b) in the subsequent development of any guidelines; with this in mind the Bureau will review the revised paper being prepared by UNESCO.

4. The Bureau discussed the possible use of organizations' web sites to promote coordination, including possible coordination with organizations which are active in statistics but are not part of the ACC Subcommittee; the Bureau decided to consider the matter further at its next meeting.

5. The Bureau decided to consult prior to the thirty-second session of the Statistical Commission (2001) to reach agreement on items from the Subcommittee's thirty-fourth session (2000) that the Chairman of the Subcommittee should emphasize to the Commission; initial views were that the list would include (a) maintenance of a common set of estimates of adult mortality to ensure the continued availability of a single UN set of

population estimates and (b) progress on user/producer dialogues in the context of the increasing demands for statistics and the limited capacity of countries and agencies to meet these demands.

6. The Bureau decided that for future sessions of the Subcommittee the Chairman should communicate with particular agencies, as necessary, to emphasize the importance of their participating in the sessions based on the items included in the agenda.

7. The Bureau decided that for the next session it would be useful to have a guest speaker for the agenda item "Placing statistics on the internet and associated pricing policy". Mr. Mehran agreed to contact Statistics Netherlands which was known to have expertise in this area, and experience in developing the necessary policy.

8. The Bureau discussed various ways in which the schedule of discussions of the Subcommittee might be improved; the Subcommittee concluded that the schedule used in recent sessions helped ensure an effective and efficient meeting and should be continued.
