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Report by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

1. UNRISD, jointly with the Secretary-General, submitted a progress report on the above project to the Twenty-fifth session of the Statistical Commission, 6-15 February 1989 (E/CN.3/1989/14).
2. It has taken note of the Report of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/1989/25, paras. 154-161), and Draft Resolution II proposed by the Commission for the attention of the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.3/1989/25, pp.3-5).
3. The Institute proposes to complete as soon as possible the three ongoing country case studies, in India, Kenya and Morocco and, as requested by the Commission, to submit a final report on these studies to the twenty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission. Since the last progress report, a first part of the Indian case study has been received.
4. It welcomes the Commission's request for further funding of the project. If funds are received for the purpose, it would be willing to carry out a small number of additional country case studies, bearing the mind that as possible the major economic regions and countries at various levels of development should be represented.
5. In line with the Commission's request, it is willing to explore, jointly with the Government of Morocco and other interested organizations, ways of convening a meeting of experts on development indicators. The precise purpose and nature of such a meeting should be further clarified. It is understood that the meeting is also subject to the receipt of extra-budgetary funding.
6. UNRISD would like to reiterate its willingness, within its programme of work and terms of reference, to do all it can to assist the Statistical Commission and the Economic and Social Council in the implementation of Resolution 1987/6 and other relevant statistical programmes.