

Item 2 of the provisional agenda *

COORDINATION OF ON-GOING STATISTICAL PROGRAMMES

(b) Improvement of coordination tools

Report prepared by the United Nations Statistics Division

1. The ACC Subcommittee on statistical activities at its twenty-ninth session requested the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) to report on the progress and plans regarding the coordination tools. The following provides such account.
2. The Directory of International Statistics. The text of the Directory was sent to international organizations and agencies in August 1995 for updating and comments. UNSD has not received any comments so far.
3. A full annotated list of methodological publications. UNSD has received responses from seven international organizations.
4. An inventory of statistical data-collection activities. Updated version of the inventory was prepared by UNSD using a database format (Microsoft Access 2.0 as well as a corresponding ASCII file). The database can be constantly updated depending on availability of information from international organizations and agencies.
5. An inventory of computerized statistical databases. The inventory has been developed by UNSD and is available in machine-

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readable form. The inventory can be updated depending on information provided by the international organizations and agencies.

6. A list of classifications used in statistics. The list has been updated by UNSD and is available in database format (Microsoft Access 2.0 and corresponding ASCII file). The list can be updated depending on information provided by international organizations and agencies.

7. The list of the methodological publications (when developed) and the list of classifications used in statistics may be consolidated since they have common features.

8. An annotated list of coordination tools was sent by UNSD to all national statistical offices in March 1994.

Points for discussion:

9. The Subcommittee may wish to discuss how these coordination tools are used by international organizations/agencies.