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Requests by CCPOQ and ACC to the ACC Subcommittee
on Statistical Activities on indicators

1. The ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities should consider the following recommendations from CCPOQ and the ACC.

A. From CCPOQ, eleventh session, 22-26 September 1997.

III. STATISTICS AND INDICATORS

The work of the three task forces (of the ACC) pointed clearly to the need for greater complementarity in the United Nations system data collection, and greater commonality in indicators used by the system.

Recommendation 7

The Subcommittee on Statistical Activities is invited to continue to give consideration to the request of the Task Force on the Enabling Environment that the United Nations Statistics Division develop an inventory of indicators produced by the United Nations system. As the Subcommittee suggested, the United Nations Statistics Division should investigate how the existing inventory of statistical data-

collection activities might be used to meet the perceived needs for the proposed new inventory.

Recommendation 8

Greater consistency should be ensured between global indicators for monitoring progress and indicators for the United Nations system country-specific programming, such as common country assessments.

Recommendation 9

As the responsibility for monitoring progress in conference implementation lies with the Government, the United Nations system should enhance efforts to build national capacity for data collection and analysis. The use of the Minimal National Social Data Set (MNSDS) should be promoted as a first step in building a coherent set of indicators for monitoring progress at the country level. Since MNSDS is a minimum list of indicators that needs to be adapted to meet national needs and circumstances, the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities could prepare guidelines on its implementation.

B. From ACC, Second Regular Session of 1997

27. The ACC(b) called upon the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities to pursue, on a priority basis, (i) promoting greater commonality in indicators used by the system to monitor follow-up to global conferences, (ii) ensuring greater consistency between global indicators for monitoring progress and indicators for country-specific programming and monitoring, and (iii) the feasibility of using minimal national data sets. The Subcommittee should report to CCPOQ on its findings and conclusions.

2. Recommendation 7 is covered by Subcommittee agenda item 9, "Inventory of all indicators produced by the United Nations system", Recommendation 8 and 9 are repeated in the request by ACC and are addressed in Subcommittee agenda item 8, "Coordination of the follow-up to the statistical implications of recent major United Nations conferences".
