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OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE STATISTICAL  
COMMISSION AND ITS WORKING GROUP

Note by the UNSD

A. Preparations for the (likely) 2000 Statistical Commission session

1. At its thirtieth session (New York, 1-5 March 1999), the Statistical Commission recommended to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of a draft resolution by which the Council would establish annual (instead of biennial) sessions of the Commission, and the Commission's Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination would cease to function.

2. The Economic and Social Council in July 1999 agreed to the Statistical Commission's recommendation that the Commission should meet annually and that the Working Group should cease to function. Subject to approval in the budget process for the 2000-2001 biennium, the thirty-first session of the Commission will be held in New York from 29 February to 3 March 2000.

3. On the expectation that the thirty-first session of the Commission will be held from 29 February to 3 March 2000, the attached draft provisional agenda has been prepared. Consultations on this draft are being held presently with the Bureau of the Commission.

4. Some of the items on the Commission's agenda of concern to the Subcommittee will have been discussed under other specific items of the Subcommittee's agenda e.g. work of the Task Forces and the Intersecretariat Working Group on Prices, ICP, Tourism Satellite Account, coordination of development indicators, integrated presentation of the work of the international organizations in statistical methodology, and progress on the Handbook of Statistical Organization. For other items on the Commission's agenda an update on the planned coverage of the agenda items and on the preparation work will be provided orally at the Subcommittee session.

5. The Subcommittee should consider any coordination efforts required for preparation for the Statistical Commission.

B. Follow-up to the 1999 Commission session

6. Necessary action following the thirtieth session of the Commission involving members of the Subcommittee have been

covered under previous agenda items of the Subcommittee, namely, the Task Forces and Intersecretariat Working group on Prices, the ICP, environment statistics, statistical implications of recent major UN conferences, integrated presentation of work plans of the international organizations in statistical methodology, revision of the Handbook on Statistical Organization and the UNESCO Institute for Statistics.

7. There are no other areas requiring follow-up action by the Subcommittee; any additional information of interest will be provided orally at the time of the Subcommittee session.

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