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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith, to the Statistical Commission, the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its twenty-eighth session (Rome, 8-10 June 1994). The report is transmitted to the Commission in accordance with a request made by the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination of the Statistical Commission at its sixteenth session (Geneva, 13-16 September 1993) (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 49).

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INTRODUCTION

1. The ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities held its twenty-eighth session at Rome from 8 to 10 June 1994. The agenda is contained in annex I; the list of participants, in annex II.

I. MATTERS FOR ENDORSEMENT OR APPROVAL BY THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS

2. The following five matters are brought to the attention of the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions (CCPOQ):

(a) The Subcommittee decided that (i) the Bureau should be established on a permanent rather than an experimental basis; (ii) four organizations should constitute the Bureau, as previously established by the Subcommittee; (iii) in principle, the terms of members should be two years, except that the Statistical Division of the United Nations Secretariat (UNSTAT), as the secretariat, should continuously be a member; (iv) to provide continuity, the change in membership should be staggered, with two members elected in one year and one member elected in the following year;

(b) The Subcommittee decided that the Chairman of the Subcommittee should serve for a two-year period and should be eligible for re-election;

(c) The Subcommittee decided to use the current ACC programme classification for statistical activities (with "role of women" changed to "status of women") for the coordination tools that were to be produced during 1994 and 1995 (see para. 29 below). At the same time, the Subcommittee noted that the classification could be improved in terms of detail and clarity. A number of specific suggestions were tabled. The Subcommittee decided to review the classification further at its 1995 session and requested UNSTAT to present proposals based on consultations with members of the Subcommittee;

(d) The Subcommittee noted that the Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections (SCDEP) was scheduled to meet in New York from 28 to 30 June 1994 and noted the proposed agenda and work plans. The SCDEP report would be formally considered by the Subcommittee at its session in 1995, but the Subcommittee agreed that the Bureau should address it at the first opportunity;

(e) The Subcommittee considered it important to schedule its meetings back-to-back with other major meetings that its members would be likely to attend, as far as possible. However, a fixed rule should not be established, since situations changed over time. Also, reporting sequences and constraints in terms of tasks that had to be accomplished for various meetings from year to year had to be kept in mind. It was also considered important to continue to try to schedule satellite meetings, such as task force and Steering Committee meetings, around the time of the Subcommittee meetings. The Subcommittee recommended that its twenty-ninth session be held in Geneva for three days immediately prior to the eighteenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination in September 1995. 1/ The

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provisional agenda, subject to review and finalization by the Bureau, was agreed as follows:

1. Issues related to the work of the task forces.
2. Coordination issues at the regional level.
3. Improvement of coordination tools.
4. Election of the Chairman and Bureau.
5. Needs for the statistics of the analytical and policy units of international organizations and the statistics produced by those organizations.
6. Follow-up to the twenty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission.
7. Coordination of ongoing statistical programmes.
8. Report of the Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections.
9. Monitoring the implementation of recommended classifications and standards in countries.
10. Integration of the work of ad hoc groups in international work on statistical development.
11. Bilateral technical cooperation in statistics.

II. WORK OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES

A. Matters considered by the Bureau at its meeting on 14 April 1994

1. Changing the base year for statistics

3. The ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities agreed that, in general, international statistical series would be rebased to 1990. In many cases, that would involve using 1990 weights; in other cases, it would involve rescaling series to a 1990 reference year. The Subcommittee noted that because of particular technical situations applying in some areas of statistics or some regions, a different base year than 1990 would apply. The organizations would implement the new base year as soon as possible; some had already done so and several others would change during 1994.

2. Needs for statistics of the analytical and policy units of international organizations and the statistics produced by those organizations

4. The Subcommittee agreed that the issue was an important one, although not a new one, and that the request of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination required a considered response. Most organizations had mechanisms in place for the coordination of requests for statistics from various parts of their organizations. The systems were functioning but might not cover all instances of data collection. Each organization was different and faced different circumstances.

5. The Subcommittee requested the Statistical Division of the United Nations Secretariat (UNSTAT) to prepare a note on the mechanisms that had been put in place in the international organizations over recent years to coordinate ad hoc requests to countries from non-statistical units in the international organizations. The note should reflect information provided by members of the Subcommittee during the session and should be supplemented, where necessary, by any additional information that might be needed, which should be requested by UNSTAT. The Subcommittee also requested the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to draft brief notes on their situation relating to the coordination of data collection within their organizations and to any continuation of data-collection activities after the specific need for those data had ceased to exist in the initiating policy office. The notes should be prepared for submission to the Subcommittee at its 1995 session and subsequently to the Working Group, also in 1995. The Working Group members and other countries should be invited to provide organizations, for their investigation, with information on any specific instances of uncoordinated requests and any continued publication of (unneeded) data.

3. Coordination of bilateral technical cooperation in statistics

6. The Subcommittee noted that bilateral assistance was becoming increasingly important. There was, therefore, a need to coordinate that activity. The Subcommittee considered that it was important to have information on bilateral technical cooperation in statistics, particularly planned activities, so as to be able to improve the coordination of multilateral with bilateral technical cooperation activities. That information was especially important for the regional commissions if they were to carry out their expanded functions in coordination. Various likely sources of information were considered, namely donor countries, recipient countries and United Nations resident coordinators. Regional conferences of statisticians also provided an opportunity for improving the flow of information.

7. Given the available sources and the problems involved in using each of them, there was qualified support for approaching, on an experimental basis, donor countries that were members of the Working Group to (a) see if the national statistical offices of those countries could collect information from various providers of assistance in their countries; (b) see what steps they took to coordinate aid; and (c) report back to the Subcommittee for further review.

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The Subcommittee also asked OECD to investigate whether its collection of data on bilateral aid from countries provided, or could provide, information on technical cooperation in statistics. The Subcommittee decided to return to the subject at its next session.

4. Membership of the Bureau and Chairmanship of the Subcommittee

8. The Subcommittee endorsed the proposals of the Bureau and decided that (a) the Bureau should be established on a permanent rather than an experimental basis; (b) four organizations should constitute the Bureau, as previously established by the Subcommittee; (c) in principle, the terms of members should last two years, except that UNSTAT, as the secretariat, should be a permanent member; (d) to provide continuity, the change in membership should be staggered, with two members elected in one year and one member elected in the following year; (e) the Chairman of the Subcommittee should serve for a two-year period and be eligible for re-election; (f) the election of the Chairman and the one new member of the Bureau should take place in 1995. The Subcommittee also re-endorsed the principles of shared responsibility and rotation of the Chairmanship among the member organizations.

5. Follow-up of the discussions of the Subcommittee during the inter-sessional period

9. The Subcommittee emphasized that all members of the Bureau should be actively involved in the inter-sessional work.

6. General questions on the relationship of the Subcommittee and the Working Group with the task forces

10. The Subcommittee endorsed the view of the Bureau that the Subcommittee should continue to review the work of each of the task forces as major elements of the effort to improve coordination and should continue to report its views to the Working Group. The Subcommittee should also be involved in establishing the terms of reference and work plans of the task forces. The Subcommittee agreed that adequate reporting by the task forces to the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities, the Working Group and the Statistical Commission was important. However, some streamlining was called for to avoid excessive reporting. The Subcommittee agreed that reporting to the Working Group could best be covered by the following: (a) the summary of conclusions of the Subcommittee; (b) written reports by convenors of the task forces (only) where major new issues had arisen; (c) oral reporting by the convenors to provide full current information at the time of the Working Group session; and (d) the reports of the task forces on their meetings (as background documents). Reporting to the Statistical Commission could be covered by all of the above as well as by the report of the Working Group on its consideration of the task forces' activities.

11. The Subcommittee evaluated the workload of the organizations to support the work of the eight task forces and concluded that it would be difficult to

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consider the creation of additional task forces until the work of some of the existing task forces had been completed.

B. Issues related to the work of the task forces

1. Task Force on Environment Statistics

12. The Subcommittee noted the steps taken by the convenor to prepare a report for the Statistical Commission on the plans of organizations regarding data matters, concepts and definitions, and technical cooperation in the area of environment statistics, and to convene a meeting in September 1994.

2. Task Force on Trade Statistics

13. The Subcommittee noted the ongoing work of the Task Force, in particular its collaboration in preparing and sharing estimates and its work on trade in military goods.

3. Task Force on Price Statistics including the International Comparison Programme

14. The Subcommittee reaffirmed the decision of the Statistical Commission that the harmonization of the consumer price index work was the main purpose of the Task Force.

15. The Subcommittee noted that care would need to be exercised in the evaluation of the International Comparison Programme (ICP). Support was expressed by several members for the World Bank plan to finance expanded coverage of the ICP, using a reduced information approach, and to improve basic price statistics in countries. Some concern was expressed about the comparability of data obtained following the reduced information approach with data obtained following the full ICP approach and the need to define the limitations of the data that might affect its possible uses. The point was also made that it was important that countries participate at all stages of the ICP process. The Subcommittee stressed that it would be advantageous to countries, when deciding on their participation in ICP, to be given as much information as possible on technical aspects, the work involved and the resources needed.

4. Task Force on Industrial and Construction Statistics

16. The Subcommittee noted that the Task Force planned to meet later in June 1994, in particular to consider follow-up action for the inquiry on country practices in implementing the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC, Rev.3), as requested by the Statistical Commission. The Subcommittee noted that the Task Force had expressed its inability to undertake work on construction statistics in the medium term.

5. Task Force on Finance Statistics

17. The Subcommittee noted that (a) the IMF Balance of Payments Statistics Committee had met; (b) replies from 35 industrial and developing countries to a letter from the convenor of the Task Force concerning the work of the Task Force had been supportive of the idea of establishing the Task Force; and (c) the next meeting of the Task Force was scheduled for November 1994, in connection with a meeting of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA).

6. Task Force on National Accounts

18. The Subcommittee noted that ISWGNA had met in April 1994 and had addressed issues that had been raised by the Statistical Commission concerning improving coordination, particularly in relation to the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts (1993 SNA) and the role of the regional commissions. ISWGNA planned to meet again on 9 June 1994.

7. Task Force on the Measurement of Poverty

19. The Subcommittee noted that (a) a questionnaire had been distributed by the convenor and (b) the Task Force would meet when the replies to the questionnaire had been received and analysed. The Subcommittee noted the technical work that was called for in the terms of reference, which aimed to ascertain what approaches were in use in the United Nations system for measuring poverty and to clarify what the differences were for the education of users of those data. The Subcommittee also noted the demands on statisticians at the national level to produce statistics on poverty and their consequent requests for international guidelines. Serious reservations were expressed by some members of the Subcommittee about the Task Force undertaking any effort to develop international standards on poverty and poverty measurement. The Subcommittee agreed that the terms of reference provided appropriate guidance on the limits of work to be done and that the Task Force should stay within those terms of reference. The Subcommittee also considered that the Task Force should consider the work being done by the Siena Group.

8. Task Force on Services Statistics

20. The Subcommittee agreed to the following terms of reference and work programme of the Task Force, which were in line with the views of the Statistical Commission and took account of the views expressed at both the preliminary consultation held at OECD on 20 May 1994 and the current session:

Terms of reference

1. The work of the Task Force takes place in the context of the following general objectives:
 - (a) To strengthen cooperation between international organizations in the area of services statistics and to liaise with other agencies or groups involved with services statistics;
 - (b) To promote the development of international standards, systems and classifications for services statistics;
 - (c) To improve the availability, quality and international comparability of services statistics collected at the international level;
 - (d) To facilitate the provision to developing countries of technical assistance in the area of services statistics.
2. In the first instance, the work of the Task Force will focus on statistics of international trade in services as understood in the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and also possibly on other transactions between residents and non-residents.
3. The Task Force will serve as a forum of communication about requirements and resources and will offer an opportunity for the rationalization of effort.
4. Work on other kinds of services statistics, such as the statistics of production and employment in service industries, will depend on the findings of UNSTAT investigation of the best way in which the general objectives described in item 1 above can be achieved, with particular reference to the developing countries and countries in transition, as well as to the recommendations of the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities and the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination that are made in response to that investigation.

Work programme

For the first phase of activities of the Task Force, the following projects may be considered:

1. The establishment of an inventory of the activities and requirements (including handbook and manuals) of international institutions in the area of international trade in services statistics.
2. The rationalization of the activities and requirements of the Task Force, as well as the identification of the resources needed to meet those requirements and the organizations responsible for performing those activities.

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21. The Subcommittee noted that UNSTAT would report to the Working Group in September 1994 on its investigation (see para. 20, item 4 above), as requested by the Commission. UNSTAT planned to circulate its thoughts on the matter to members of the Subcommittee for comment, prior to the Working Group session.

22. On a broader issue that also related to services statistics, the Subcommittee welcomed the UNSTAT plan to develop ideas on how best to integrate the work being done in such groups as the Voorburg (services), Siena (social statistics) and London (national accounts) groups into the overall international work on statistical development. Those ideas would also be circulated to members of the Subcommittee for comments.

9. General issues related to the task forces

23. During the discussion of the task force activities, three general issues were raised, as described below.

(a) Ways to encourage countries to report data and to report according to international recommendations

24. The Subcommittee considered a number of avenues, including (a) asking countries to report on what they were doing to improve their reporting according to international recommendations and (b) indicating to countries the ways in which their reporting deviated from the recommendations and asking them to explain why they did not report as recommended. The Subcommittee also considered whether the regional conferences might have a role to play in improving the situation. The Subcommittee decided to bring the matter to the attention of the Working Group at its session in 1994 on the basis of the present report and a brief analytical report on the reporting practices in international trade statistics. The Subcommittee asked the Bureau to keep the matter under review.

(b) Possible conflict between the priorities of an organization and those of a task force of which the organization may be a member

25. The Subcommittee recognized the possibility of such a conflict occurring after commitments had been made and encouraged organizations to carry through on their commitments to agreed task force activities.

(c) Improved electronic communication among organizations

26. The Subcommittee agreed that fuller use should be made of electronic mail (E-mail) communication possibilities, including Internet. The Subcommittee requested UNSTAT to update and circulate the list of E-mail addresses of its members.

C. Coordination issues at the regional level

27. The Subcommittee welcomed the reports that had been prepared by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), and endorsed by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP); it endorsed the principle of enhancing the role of the regional commissions. The Subcommittee encouraged its members to participate in the regional statistical conferences and to channel their coordination efforts in the regions through the regional commissions. The Subcommittee requested ISWGNA and the Task Force on International Trade Statistics to consider what could be done at the regional level in their fields, taking into account the differing priorities, agendas and expertise that prevailed among the regional commissions, and to report to the Subcommittee at its next session. The Subcommittee recognized that the task could be difficult, since principles for determining the role of the regional commissions were not clear; however, the Subcommittee called for a pragmatic and innovative approach to be taken.

28. The Subcommittee recognized that resources were fundamental to any enhancement in the role of the regional commissions. Based on some experiences, particularly in Europe, enhancing the regional role and promoting coordination among the various actors within a region could have an advantageous impact on resource flows. The Subcommittee considered that the regional commissions might wish to reassess their priorities and resource allocations with a view to releasing resources for intraregional cooperation.

D. Improvement of coordination tools

29. The Subcommittee decided to use the current ACC programme classification for statistical activities (with "role of women" changed to "status of women") for the coordination tools that were to be produced during 1994 and 1995 (see para. 30 below). At the same time, the Subcommittee noted that the classification could be improved in terms of detail and clarity. A number of specific suggestions were tabled. The Subcommittee decided to review the classification further at its 1995 session and requested UNSTAT to present proposals based on consultations with members of the Subcommittee.

30. The Subcommittee agreed to the following proposals made by UNSTAT concerning the content and timetable for the production of the coordination tools:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Provision of data</u>	<u>Completion</u>
1. <u>Directory of International Statistics</u>	Last half 1994	June 1995
2. Comprehensive annotated list of methodological publications	(See para. 31 below)	(See para. 31 below)
3. Documents containing information on programmes	June-September 1994	December 1995

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	<u>Title</u>	<u>Provision of data</u>	<u>Completion</u>
	and plans of international statistical organizations		
4.	Inventory of statistical data-collection activities	Early 1995	June 1995
5.	Inventory of computerized statistical databases	Fall 1994	Early 1995
6.	List of classifications used in statistics	Current	Early 1995

Members agreed to provide the necessary updated information according to the agreed timetable and in electronic format.

31. The Subcommittee requested UNSTAT to review the proposed schedule for producing a full annotated list of methodological publications in 1996 to see if it could be completed earlier, because there was considerable demand for such a list and many new methodological publications had been issued by virtually all the relevant organizations since the list had last been updated.

32. The Subcommittee endorsed the database approach mentioned for two of the coordination tools and considered that that kind of approach should be applied to all of the coordination tools. The Subcommittee requested UNSTAT to issue all of the tools both as machine-readable products and as publications.

33. The Subcommittee reviewed the reports of three of the task forces (on environment, international trade and finance) on their plans in methodological development, which consisted of providing inputs into a scheduled report from the ACC Subcommittee to the Statistical Commission containing an integrated programme in methodological development. Information was provided orally on other areas covered by task forces (industrial and construction statistics, price statistics including the ICP, and national accounts). The Subcommittee requested all task forces convenors to provide UNSTAT with any further information for the report by the end of July 1994.

34. The Subcommittee considered a document entitled "Draft programmes of international statistical work in the ECE region, 1994/95 and 1995/96: an integrated presentation", which had been prepared by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) secretariat (Statistics Division) for the twenty-second plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) (Paris, 13-17 June 1994). The Subcommittee noted the significant effort that was being applied to coordination by the three organizations in the European region (ECE, OECD and the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat)), the effort that was involved in developing the integrated presentation of work programmes and the positive results that had been achieved from the coordination effort. The Subcommittee also noted current developments in the ESCAP, ECLAC and ESCWA regions in the promotion of intraregional coordination, which were somewhat different to

developments in the European region. It was not clear to the Subcommittee whether the European approach and format presented in the document under consideration had implications at the global level. The Subcommittee expected to obtain some evaluation of the usefulness of the report from its consideration by CES.

E. Preparation for the twenty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission

35. The Subcommittee endorsed the proposals that UNSTAT was to make to the Working Group in September 1995 concerning the agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission. The Subcommittee noted that the reporting by the task forces to the Commission would vary with the different circumstances applying for each task force (see para. 10 above). Following an offer by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to prepare a report to clarify the funding situation for technical cooperation in statistics, a proposal would be made to the Working Group that a joint UNSTAT/UNFPA report on the subject be prepared. The Subcommittee also requested UNSTAT to obtain inputs from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the report.

F. Proposals for a monitoring system for the implementation of recommended classifications in countries

36. The Subcommittee agreed that such monitoring was important. Some experience in that area had been obtained in monitoring the implementation of ISIC, Rev.3 and the implementation of trade classifications as part of the concepts and definitions in international trade statistics. The regional commissions were expected to have a role in the process. The Subcommittee requested UNSTAT to develop proposals for a monitoring system, with input from OECD, Eurostat and other organizations, and to circulate them to members of the Subcommittee for comments.

G. Report of the Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections

37. The Subcommittee agreed on the importance of coordination among the member organizations and other organizations involved in projection activities in order to continue and improve the consistency of demographic and sectoral estimates and projections, the sharing of data, and the timely issuance of estimates and projections. The Subcommittee noted that some non-member organizations, such as OECD and Eurostat, which also prepared estimates and projections, supported and encouraged improved cooperation with the United Nations. However, the Subcommittee reiterated that the discussion of coordination activities among member organizations involved in estimates and projection activities was the mandate of SCDEP and working arrangements in that area of estimates and projections should be left to the regular sessions of SCDEP. The Subcommittee noted that SCDEP was scheduled to meet from 28 to 30 June 1994 in New York and noted the proposed agenda and work plans. The SCDEP report would be formally

considered by the Subcommittee at its session in 1995, but the Subcommittee agreed that the Bureau should address it at the first opportunity.

H. International migration statistics

38. The Subcommittee welcomed the cooperative work under way on the review of current international recommendations on international migration statistics. Several organizations expressed their interest in participating in the work.

I. Fiftieth anniversary of statistical work in the United Nations system

39. The Subcommittee thanked the International Statistical Institute (ISI) for the suggestions that it had set out in a note for the Subcommittee. There was general support for a commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary. There was agreement that (a) a (small) portion of the twenty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission should be used for the commemoration; (b) one key person should speak on the achievements of the international statistical system, including countries; and (c) the event could be incorporated in the opening of the session. There was also support for a commemorative publication, with input to be provided by the interested international organizations. A number of questions about such a publication remained to be resolved, including its content, authorship, languages of publication and financing. There was also general support for the establishing of a World Statistics Day. Some members had experience in the holding of national statistics days, which had been celebrated in a number of countries and in the African region. A number of questions remained to be answered on what would be involved; the Subcommittee stressed the need to plan well to ensure success. UNSTAT was requested to inquire of countries their current practices (if they celebrated a national statistics day) as well as their opinions and suggestions concerning a World Statistics Day.

J. Other business

1. United Nations Economic and Social Information System

40. The Subcommittee requested UNSTAT to organize an informal meeting of international organizations at the time of the Working Group session in September 1994 and to provide updated information on the United Nations Economic and Social Information System (UNESIS).

2. World Summit for Social Development

41. The Subcommittee took note of the activities being carried out by member organizations in relation to and in support of the World Summit for Social Development. The Subcommittee decided that it would not undertake any specific action; however, it would consider the relevant recommendations emanating from the Summit for possible follow-up action.

3. Free exchange of statistics-related materials among organizations active in the Subcommittee

42. The Subcommittee recalled the agreements that it had reached on the matter in previous years and considered that they should be looked at again, particularly in relation to their coverage and in the light of changes in technology. The Subcommittee requested the Bureau to look into the matter.

K. Reporting practices and acknowledgements

43. The Subcommittee considered its experience to date with the more concise, decision-oriented reports of its sessions. The Subcommittee concluded that further refinements in content and form would be desirable at future sessions.

44. The Subcommittee recorded its sincere thanks to Mr. A. Taj of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and Mr. J. Ay of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for their significant contributions to the work of the Subcommittee over the years.

Notes

1/ The Working Group subsequently scheduled its eighteenth session for 7-10 November 1995 in either Geneva or Vienna (see E/CN.3/1995/2, para. 72).

Annex I

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Matters considered by the Bureau at its meeting on 14 April 1994:
 - (a) Changing the base year for statistics;
 - (b) Terms of reference of the Task Force on the Measurement of Poverty;
 - (c) Task Force on Service Statistics;
 - (d) Needs for statistics of the analytical and policy units of international organizations and the statistics produced by those organizations;
 - (e) Coordination of bilateral technical cooperation in statistics (for information only);
 - (f) Membership of the Bureau and Chairmanship of the ACC Subcommittee;
 - (g) Follow-up of the discussions of the Subcommittee during the inter-sessional period (for information only);
 - (h) General questions on the relationship of the Subcommittee and the Statistical Commission's Working Group with the task forces;
3. Issues related to work of the task forces.
4. Coordination issues at the regional level.
5. Improvement of coordination tools:
 - (a) Review of the ACC programme classification for statistical activities in terms of its applicability for the coordination reports of international statistical activities;
 - (b) Proposals for a revised Directory of International Statistics;
 - (c) Proposals for the revised inventory of statistical data-collection activities and for improving the coordination of data collection;
 - (d) Proposals for an annotated listing of methodological publications;
 - (e) Listing of classifications used in statistics;
 - (f) Revised inventory of computerized statistical databases;

- (g) Proposals for a descriptive integrated work programme in statistics for the whole system: data collection, processing and dissemination; methodological development; and technical cooperation.
- 6. Preparation for the twenty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission (1995).
- 7. Proposals for a monitoring system for the implementation of recommended classifications in countries.
- 8. Coordination of ongoing statistical programmes:
 - (a) Services;
 - (b) Migration.
- 9. Fiftieth anniversary of statistical work at the United Nations.
- 10. Report of the Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections.
- 11. Other business.
- 12. Adoption of the report of the Subcommittee on its twenty-eighth session.

Annex II

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