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1. Preparations are well underway for the 25th session of the Statistical Commission to be held in New York, 6-15 February 1989. The United Nations Statistical Office, following the usual practice and in response to the recommendations of the Statistical Commission's Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination made during its session held in Geneva, 6-9 October 1987, has already requested agencies to provide inputs into a number of documents to be presented to the Commission at the 25th session.

2. The contribution of agencies are either in the form of a complete document prepared by the agency or in the form of information provided which will form the basis of or be an adjunct to the preparation of a document by the Statistical Office. The following is a status report on documents for which interagency inputs have already been solicited.


(b) The International Labour Office has submitted a report entitled "International Classification of the Status of Employment" (E/CN.3/1989/9). This document will be discussed by the Commission under agenda item 6b.

(c) The Statistical Office of the United Nations is preparing a report entitled "International co-ordination of social statistics and indicators and development of statistics and indicators on special population groups" (E/CN.3/1989/11), in connection with agenda item 8b. Agencies and offices of the United Nations system were contacted in February 1988 by the Statistical Office to solicit updated information for this report. As of 1 May 1988, replies have been received from UNESCO, ILO, CSDBA, ECE, FAO, ESCAP and ESCWA. The estimated date for the completion of the final draft of this report is 8 July 1988.

(d) The Statistical Office of the United Nations is preparing a report entitled "Environment statistics" (E/CN.3/1989/13) in connection with agenda item 8c. To assist in the preparation of the paper, a survey was conducted by the Statistical Office of existing data bases and data collecting activities of international organizations in the field of environment statistics. The results of this survey will be discussed by the ACC Sub-Committee (see agenda item 12g and document SA/1988/22 of the current session of the Sub-Committee).

(e) The World Bank will contribute a document entitled "World Bank initiative in design of permanent integrated household surveys" (E/CN.3/1989/19) in connection with agenda item 10. The paper will deal with the Living Standard Measurement Study (LSMS) and with the newly-launched Social Dimensions and Adjustment Project. The estimated data for the submission of this document to the United Nations Statistical Office is 30 July 1988.
(f) The Statistical Office of the United Nations is preparing a document entitled "Development of guidelines on national accounts for women's contribution to development" (E/CN.3/1989/12) in connection with agenda item 8b. In order to ensure close co-ordination in this field with ILO and INSTRAW, representatives of the Statistical Office and INSTRAW participated in the 14th International Conference of Labour Statisticians, held in Geneva in October/November 1987, which discussed this topic. The report will reflect the Conference conclusions, as well as further technical consultations among the Statistical Office, INSTRAW and ILO. The estimated date for the completion of the final draft of this document is 10 June 1988.

(g) The Statistical Office of the United Nations is preparing a document entitled "Development of indicators on indicative patterns of consumption: qualitative aspects of development" (E/CN.3/1984/14) in connection with agenda item 8d. Immediately following the conclusion of the Statistical Commission's 24th session, the Statistical Office began consultations with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) on a joint project on this topic. The project was discussed by the ACC Sub-Committee on Statistical Activities at its twenty-first session in 1987. Funding for research was secured in January 1988. Continuous consultations have been maintained with UNRISD to engage consultants, select countries for case studies and to prepare a sound conceptual framework. Consultants are being engaged by UNRISD for work in India, Kenya, Morocco and Peru and it is hoped that the final draft reports on these countries can be completed by 17 June 1988.

(h) The Statistical Office is preparing a report entitled "Technical co-operation in statistics" (E/CN.3/1989/16) in connection with agenda item 10. The report will cover bilateral assistance as well as assistance provided by the United Nations system and other multilateral agencies during the period 1985-1988. Agencies and regional commissions were requested to send information, via questionnaire, on the nature and range of their co-operation to be received in the Statistical Office before 15 March 1988. To date, all of the regional commissions and most of the agencies and organizations have replied. The final draft of the document is scheduled for completion on 30 May 1988.

3. To assist in the preparation of two additional documents, the Statistical Office will, in the latter part of May, contact specialized agencies, regional commissions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other entities soliciting their inputs. The Statistical Office of the United Nations will prepare a report entitled "Statistical work of the international organizations" (E/CN.3/1989/21) in connection with agenda item 12. This report will review the statistical activities for the period July 1986 to June 1988. The Statistical Office will also prepare a report entitled "Plans in statistics of the international organizations" (E/CN.3/1989/23), in connection with agenda item 13, dealing with programme objectives and planning for the next plan period, 1990-1995. Responses will be requested to be returned to the United Nations Statistical Office by 30 July 1988. The estimated date for the completion of the final drafts of these documents is 30 September 1988.