The Statistical Commission,

Noting the extensive and useful work accomplished in the field of statistics since the eleventh session, particularly with regard to the rendering of assistance in the organization of statistical services in the countries with less developed economies,

Recommends that the Secretary-General:

1. Take steps with a view to further intensifying the United Nations Statistical Office's activities directed towards the elaboration of efficient methods for the collection, processing and analysis of the statistical data necessary for planning the economic and social development of the less developed countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America, and towards the training of the requisite local statisticians, more particularly by affording them broad familiarization with the experience of statistical work in other countries through the organization, with the help of local statistical bodies, of the publication of the necessary material, by formulating specific recommendations concerning the organization and execution of particular statistical operations, taking account of the experience gained in other countries and of the conditions prevailing in the countries of the area concerned, and by extending the facilities for obtaining experts to assist the countries concerned;

2. Continue the work of improving the comparability of statistical data from countries having different social and economic systems, thereby contributing to the development of mutually-advantageous economic ties between them;
3. Having regard to the forthcoming establishment, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1708 (XVI), of an Economic Projections and Programming Centre with sub-centres, as appropriate, in the regional economic commissions, consult the Governments of the States members of the United Nations Statistical Commission regarding possible participation by United Nations statistical bodies in the work of the aforesaid centres, and report the results of these consultations to the United Nations Statistical Commission at its thirteenth session;

4. Take steps to extend the United Nations statistical publications, bearing in mind the responsibility of the United Nations to present as complete and reliable data as possible on individual countries.