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1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure and past practice, the Commission will elect, at its first meeting, a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur to serve from the beginning of the twenty-fifth session of the Commission to the beginning of the twenty-sixth session.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The items on the provisional agenda and the corresponding documentation were considered by the Commission at its twenty-fourth session 1/ and approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1987/117 of 26 May 1987.

The Commission's Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination considered the provisional agenda at its twelfth session (see E/CN.3/1989/20, paras. 4-48). The Working Group endorsed the agenda and made the following additions and modifications: (a) it selected two "special issues", namely item 3 (a) (Co-ordination of international statistical activities) and item 3 (b) (Recruitment and selection of professional staff for work in national statistical offices and statistical services of the United Nations); (b) added an item 3 (c) (Recurrent statistical publications of the United Nations) at the request of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-sixth session; 2/ (c) added a new sub-item 4 (b) (System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS)) and changed the numbering of former sub-item 4 (b) (Links between the System of National Accounts and the System of Balances of the National Economy) to 4 (c); and (d) also decided that item 6 (International economic classifications) should have two sub-items, 6 (a) (International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) and Central Product Classification (CPC)) and 6 (b) (International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE)).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.3/1989/L.1)

3. Special issues and related matters

(a) <u>Co-ordination of international statistical activities</u>

The Commission will have before it the report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination on its twelfth session, held at Geneva from 6-9 October 1987. The Working Group agreed that the consideration of this topic should focus on both substantive co-ordination and organizational co-ordination. The Working Group considered that under substantive co-ordination, the Commission would deal with the question of how better to co-ordinate statistics and make them more comparable internationally and that under organizational co-ordination, it would cover some of the issues raised at the twenty-fourth session of the Commission when it discussed its own functioning. A more detailed indication of the proposed coverage of the topic appears in paragraph 59 of the report of the Working Group (E/CN.3/1989/20).

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination on its twelfth session (E/CN.3/1989/20 paras. 59-61)

(b) <u>Recruitment and selection of Professional staff for work in national</u> <u>statistical offices and statistical services of the United Nations</u>

The Secretary-General will submit a report on aspects of recruitment and selection of professional staff for work in national statistical offices and statistical services of the United Nations. The report will focus on the staffing needs of statistical offices and the conditions and trends affecting the recruitment and retention of staff. It will also provide information on national experience and practices in this area based on an inquiry sent to selected national statistical offices. In addition, the report will discuss existing procedures for the recruitment and selection of United Nations staff at junior, intermediate and senior Professional levels, in particular as applied to posts in the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat and in the statistical divisions of the regional commissions. The report will also contain brief information on the recruitment and training of General Service staff, since these staff are a source for professional recruitment through competitive examinations.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the selection and recruitment of Professional staff for work in national statistical offices and statistical services of the United Nations (E/CN.3/1989/2)

(c) Recurrent statistical publications of the United Nations

The Secretary-General will submit a report in response to the decision of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination "to request the Secretary-General (utilizing the Publications Board) to communicate to the intergovernmental bodies that had authorized recurrent publications a request to review those publications in the light of the criteria set forth in General Assembly resolution 38/32 E and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/101, with a view to terminating those publications that did not meet those criteria or to reducing their periodicity or volume of issuance, if that was called for." 2/ The report will include relevant extracts from the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Recurrent publications of the United Nations" (E/AC.51/1987/12), supplemented by a covering note explaining more fully what is requested of the Commission, providing updated information where necessary and additional information on user needs. The report will also include preliminary information on a review by the Statistical Office of its publications and the balance between various forms of dissemination available, including printed publications, computer tapes, diskettes and microfiche.

In that connection, the attention of the Commission is called to the decision taken by the Economic and Social Council at its organizational session of 1988 whereby the Council reiterated its request to its subsidiary bodies responsible for recurrent publications to review them with the objective of identifying and discontinuing those that no longer serve a useful purpose, bearing in mind the criteria set out in paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution 38/32 E (Council decision 1988/101, para. 5 (h)).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the recurrent statistical publications of the United Nations (E/CN.3/1989/3)

4. National accounts and balances

(a) System of National Accounts (SNA)

The Secretary-General will submit a report describing the progress made in the SNA review since the conclusion of the twenty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission. The first draft of selected chapters of the revised SNA will be made available.

The progress report will discuss the latest organizational and funding issues relating to the SNA review programme, with particular emphasis on the participation of experts in global SNA meetings and the involvement of regional commissions. The report will include a summary of recommendations made and conclusions drawn at regional meetings and at four global expert group meetings held since the conclusion of the twenty-fourth session of the Commission. The global expert group meetings covered the following topics: external sector transactions (March/April 1987), household sector accounts (September 1987), public sector accounts (January 1988) and production accounts and input-output tables (March 1988). The progress report will also give an update on the availability and quality of basic data used for the compilation of national accounts in developing countries, a topic discussed in detail at the last session of the Statistical Commission.

Finally, the report will present a revised timetable and information on ongoing preparations for the outstanding regional and global expert group meetings on the SNA review, scheduled for 1988-1990, and progress made on the first draft of the revised SNA and accompanying handbooks.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the revision of the System of National Accounts (SNA) and related national accounts and balances matters (E/CN.3/1989/4)

(b) System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS)

The Secretary-General will submit a note transmitting to the Statistical Commission a report prepared by the secretariat of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) on the improvement of the methodology for the compilation of the statistical balances of the national economy.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance on the improvement of the methodology for the compilation of the Statistical Balances of the National Economy (E/CN.3/1989/5)

(c) <u>Links between the System of National Accounts (SNA) and the System of</u> <u>Balances of the National Economy (MPS)</u>

The Secretary-General will submit a report on progress made in the study of SNA/MPS links since the twenty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission. An overall account of work carried out by the Statistical Office, the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), CMEA and some countries on a bilateral basis will be presented. Further developments in quantitative inter-system comparisons between countries will also be introduced. In particular, a summary of methodological and practical experiences obtained in bilateral comparisons will be included in the report. The short-cut method for SNA and MPS conversion as a means of obtaining quick alternative SNA and MPS estimates for selected groups of countries will also be presented, as will proposals for future work in the area of SNA/MPS links.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the elaboration of the conceptual framework for the System of National Accounts (SNA) and the System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS): comparisons and related experimental calculations (E/CN.3/1989/6)

5. Service statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report on the progress made in the field of service statistics during the period 1987-1988. A review of the current work being done on service statistics and the plans for future work will be presented. The report will deal with, <u>inter alia</u>, progress on the classification of services, statistics on trade in services and the quantity and price indices of services. It will contain a review of some of the main methodological issues, including the concept of services and the distinction between the quantity and price components in measuring output of services, which are being encountered as work on service statistics proceeds. The report will also contain rough estimates of time and resource requirements in connection with its discussion of the future work

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on plans for the further development of service statistics, including international trade in services (E/CN.3/1989/7)

6. International economic classifications

(a) <u>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic</u> <u>Activities (ISIC) and the Central Product Classification (CPC</u>)

The Secretary-General will submit a progress report on the harmonization of international economic classifications. The provisional versions of the "Final draft of the revised International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities" (ISIC), Rev.3 and the "Final draft of the Central Product Classification" (CPC) will be made available.

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The progress report will include a review of major methodological and conceptual issues related to these draft classifications. It will summarize the results of expert groups and working groups held in connection with the work on classifications since the twenty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission. The degree of harmonization achieved between these classifications and other classifications in use within other international organizations will be assessed. Differences in the coding systems and the structure and coverage of the new draft classifications as compared with previous versions and drafts will be explained in more detail. Proposed future activities on harmonization of economic classifications will be described.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the revision and harmonization of international economic classifications (E/CN.3/1989/8)

(b) International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE)

The International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE), the International Standard Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) and the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) are the three key classifications used in population and housing censuses, labour force surveys and other data sources concerning the economically active population. In the light of the most recent revisions of ISIC and ISCO, the review and possible revision of ICSE assumes increased importance. The Interntional Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) adopted the revised ISCO at its fourteenth session held in 1987, but at the same time stressed the importance of ICSE and further work on it.

In that context, the International Labour Office will submit a report on this subject, reviewing the experiences of countries in using ICSE and issues involved in its application. Further, the document will explore ways to improve this classification, including a possible need for its revision and indicate future work in this area.

Documentation

International classification of status in employment: Report of the International Labour Office (E/CN.3/1989/9)

7. Price statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report on the International Comparison Project (ICP). The report will describe the finalization of the 1985 round of comparisons (phase V) and will discuss preparatory arrangements for the 1990 round (phase VI). A separate section will consider various methodological aspects of the inter-country comparisons on the basis of the experiences in phases IV and V and will report on the solution of the fixity issue.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Commission's Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination (see E/CN.3/1989/20,

para. 25), the report will summarize the results of surveys taken among both participating and non-participating countries as to their experiences with the ICP or their reasons for non-involvement in it. A preliminary assessment of both the financial needs and possible resources for phase VI will also be presented.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the International Comparison Project (ICP) (E/CN.3/1989/10)

8. Demographic social and environment statistics

(a) Population and housing censuses

The Secretary-General will submit a report on population and housing censuses. It will briefly discuss technical materials and related preparations made by the Secretariat and other organizations with a view to assisting countries in planning and carrying out improved censuses in the 1990s. In addition, census training workshops and other technical co-operation activities undertaken so far for the implementation of the 1990 World Population and Housing Census Programme will be summarized. Included will be an annex showing the dates of national population and/or housing censuses taken or anticipated during the decade 1985-1994.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the general development and integration of methodological work (E/CN.3/1989/15, sect. D)

(b) Social statistics and indicators

The Secretary-General will submit two reports. The first report concerns recent developments and progress made in the international co-ordination of social statistics and indicators and the development of statistics and indicators on special population groups, including women, youth, the elderly, children and disabled persons, based on the United Nations framework for the integration of social, demographic and related statistics. The second report concerns progress made and issues in the development of guidelines on national acounts for women's contribution to development and reviews international co-ordination and implications for national work in (a) social and related classifications and statistical methodology, (b) development of social indicators and (c) dissemination of social statistics and indicators. It also reviews current international work and objectives in the development of statistics and indicators on women and other special population groups, including youth, children, the elderly and disabled persons.

The second report reviews issues and progress in the development of guidelines on national accounts for women's contribution to development. It considers (a) the scope and potential users of statistics on women's contribution to development, (b) possible uses and objectives over the long term of the guidelines, (c) some of the major conceptual and methodological issues involved and (d) methods of ensuring

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consistency and complementarity between the guidelines to be developed and the new systems of national accounts and balances and provides a draft outline of the contents.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international co-ordination of social statistics and indicators and development of statistics and indicators on special population groups (E/CN.3/1989/11)

Report of the Secretary-General on development of guidelines on national accounts for women's contribution to development (E/CN.3/1989/12)

(c) Environment statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report on work completed and progress made, especially in the implementation of a global programme of environment statistics. It will review the results of a survey of environmental data bases and data collection activities of the regional commissions and specialized agencies, which was undertaken by the Statistical Office to launch the global environment statistics programme. Progress made in the preparation of technical reports on the environmental aspects of human settlements statistics and statistics of the natural environment will also be described. The proposed programme of work and points for discussion will indicate constraints to and opportunities for promoting environment statistics at the regional and national levels within the framework of the global programme.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on environment statistics (E/CN.3/1989/13)

(d) Patterns of consumption: qualitative aspects of development

The Secretary-General and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development will submit a progress report on work on the development of statistics and indicators on patterns of consumption: qualitative aspects of development, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 40/179, Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/6 and the Commission's discussion and conclusions on this topic at its last session. This report will summarize the results achieved thus far in the preparation of a small number of case studies or national monographs on the development of a set of indicators related to living conditions, employment and the circumstances underlying them, and the improvement of basic national statistical programmes and capabilities related to food, clothing, housing, education, health care and necessary social services, as set forth in resolution 40/179. The report will also contain the views of Governments on this work, as requested in resolution 40/179.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the development of indicators on indicative patterns of consumption: qualitative aspects of development (E/CN.3/1989/14)

9. General development and integration of methodological work

The Secretary-General will submit a summary report on ongoing work in the areas of industry, energy, international trade and transport statistics, and population and housing censuses. These are areas where no major discussion of methodological issues is expected but on which the Commission needs to be informed. The report will also provide an analysis of resources allocated to the different areas of methodological work undertaken by the Statistical Office.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the general development and integration of methodological work (E/CN.3/1989/15)

10. Technical co-operation

Under this agenda item the Secretary-General will submit three reports dealing with (a) technical co-operation activities in the field of statistics, (b) the corrent state of statistics and statistical development in developing countries and (c) the long range future of the National Household Survey Capability Programme. The World Bank will submit a report on its initiative in the design of permanent integrated household surveys.

The first report of the Secretary-General provides an overall review of technical co-operation activities in the field of statistics. It includes a summary of expenditures in technical co-operation programmes in statistics by the United Nations system during the period 1985-1988 as well as information on the main components of the programme and a geographical breakdown of expenditure. Based on information provided by countries and international organizations, the report will include expenditures on technical co-operation programmes in statistics by a number of multilateral and bilateral agencies active in technical co-operation. Issues involving statistical training and statistical data processing are addressed, including the use of microcomputers by developing countries in statistical data processing and, in particular, in the data capture of returns from censuses and surveys.

The second report deals with the current state of statistics and statistical developments in developing countries. The report aims at providing a general overview of statistical developments and the patterns and trends in the availability of statistics over the period 1945-1985 as measured by (a) the summary aggregate of the availability of national statistics on selected topics, (b) information on national experience in the carrying out of selected major statistical activities and operations and (c) the review of accomplishments, gaps and proposed strategies for improving the effectiveness of technical co-operation in statistics to developing countries.

The third report will review the progress of the National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP) and its current status and prospects, including the draft Plan of Operations, through 1991. It will review, inter alia, the arrangements for programme management at the global, regional and national levels,

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the availability of external and internal resources, progress in the development and promotion of technical standards through training and technical studies and the mechanisms for inter-agency, interregional and international co-operation and co-ordination. It will contain proposals for the long-range development of national household survey capabilities and, in that context, for funding the requisite interregional and regional services. It will also spell out the work programme for 1989-1990.

The fourth report, submitted by the World Bank, will deal with the Living Standards Measurement Study and the newly-launched Social Dimensions of Adjustment Project. The report will respond, <u>inter alia</u>, to some of the issues raised by the Statistical Commission at its twenty-fourth session and by the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination at its twelfth session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on technical co-operation in statistics (E/CN.3/1989/16)

Report of the Secretary-General on the current state of statistics and statistical development in developing countries (E/CN.3/1989/17)

Report of the Secretary-General on the long-range future of the National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP) (E/CN.3/1989/18)

Report of the World Bank on World Bank initiative in the design of permanent integrated household surveys (E/CN.3/1989/19)

11. Co-ordination and integration of international statistical programmes

The Commission will have before it the report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination on its twelfth session, held at Geneva from 6-9 October 1987. The report includes a review of the provisional agenda and the documentation for the twenty-fifth session of the Statistical Commission, consideration of the co-ordination of statistical activities, consideration of the process for selecting special topics to be taken up by the Commission at sessions following the twenty-fifth and a review of progress in the revision of the System of National Accounts and in environment statistics.

Documentation

Report on the twelfth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination (E/CN.3/1989/20, paras. 1-8 and 62-67).

12. Programme guestions

(a) Programme performance and implementation

The Secretary-General will submit a report containing an overall review of the principal statistical activities of the international organizations for the years 1986 and 1987 and approximately the first six months of 1988. It will concentrate on major achievements and important changes in the activities of the organizations. The Secretary-General will also submit a report containing information on significant developments which have occurred since the various substantive reports for the Commission were completed and information on any important developments in areas of work not already covered by the agenda of the Commission.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/238, the Commission will also have before it the relevant parts of the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1986-1987 (A/43/326 and Corr.1 and Add.1) and of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-eighth session (A/43/16 (Part I), chap. II, sect. A). 3/

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the statistical work of the international organizations (E/CN.3/1989/21)

Report of the Secretary-General on updated information on the work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat (E/CN.3/1989/22)

(b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 1990-1991

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General providing information on the proposed work programme of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for 1990-1991.

The Commission will also have before it the relevant chapter of the proposed revision to the medium-term plan for 1984-1989 (extended to 1991) and the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-eighth session (A/43/16 (Parts I and II)) 3/ as background documents for its consideration of the above-mentioned note.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed work programme of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1990-1991 and information on the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (E/CN.3/1989/24)

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(c) Medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

At its twenty-eighth session, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination recommended that the next medium-term plan of the United Nations should cover the period 1992-1997, recommended approval of the proposals of the Secretary-General on the calendar of consultations with intergovernmental bodies for the preparation of the plan (A/43/329/Add.1) and decided that the Secretary-General's note containing the draft introduction to the plan (A/43/329) together with the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (A/43/16 (Parts I and II)) 3/ should be made available to all relevant United Nations bodies. The Committee for Programme and Co-ordination reiterated that the new medium-term plan should be formulated in full conformity with the regulations and rules governing programme planning and emphasized the need to bring the relevant provisions of those rules and regulations to the attention of intergovernmental subsidiary bodies. The Economic and Social Council endorsed those recommendations in its decision 1988/184 of 17 October 1988.

The attention of the Commission is drawn in particular to the need for sectoral, functional and regional bodies to recommend priorities among subprogrammes in their field of competence, in accordance with programme planning regulations 4.2 and 4.16, in the light of the priorities set in the introduction to the plan. Regulation 4.2 states that:

"The medium-term plan shall be a translation of legislative mandates into programmes. Its objectives and strategies shall be derived from the policy orientations and goals set by the intergovernmental organs. It shall reflect Member States' priorities as set out in legislation adopted by functional and regional intergovernmental bodies within their spheres of competence and by the General Assembly, on advice from the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination. In this context, subsidiary intergovernmental and expert bodies should, accordingly, refrain from making recommendations on the relative priorities of the major programmes as outlined in the medium-term plan and should instead propose, through the Committee, the relative priorities to be accorded to the various subprogrammes within their respective fields of competence. The medium-term plan shall clearly identify new activities."

Regulation 4.16 states that:

"Intergovernmental and expert bodies shall, when reviewing the relevant chapters of the proposed medium-term plan, recommend priorities among subprogrammes in their field of competence. They shall refrain from making recommendations on priority among major programmes. The Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, when making proposals on programme priorities, shall take into account the views of the above-mentioned bodies."

The attention of the Commission is also drawn to regulation 4.15, which states, inter alia, that:

> "... priorities shall be based on the importance of the objective to Member States, the Organization's capacity to achieve it and the real effectiveness and usefulness of the results".

The Secretary-General will submit a report to the Commission that will contain a description of the plans of the international organizations in the area of statistics up to the end of 1995, concentrating on important planned changes in the activities of the organizations.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the plans of the international organizations in the area of statistics (E/CN.3/1989/23)

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed work programme of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1990-1991 and information on the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (E/CN.3/1989/24)

Note by the Secretary-General on the preparation of the next medium-term plan $(\lambda/43/329)$

13. Provisional agenda for the twenty-sixth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the provisional agenda for its twenty-sixth session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each item and the legislative authority for their preparation.

In its resolution 1979/41 of 10 May 1971, the Economic and Social Council decided that the provisional agenda for its subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, should be submitted to the Council for its review in order, <u>inter alia</u>, to establish greater consistency between the documentation of those bodies and the overall documentation requested by the Council and other subsidiary bodies and greater consistency between the requests for documentation and the medium-term plan and the programme budget.

The attention of the Commission is drawn to Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/41 and 1981/83 on the control and limitation of documentation and, in particular, resolution 1982/50 on the revitalization of the Council. In paragraph 1 (j) of resolution 1982/50, the Council urged all its subsidiary bodies to exercise the utmost restraint in making requests of the Secretary-General for new reports and studies and to implement fully the decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly with respect to the control and limitation of documentation.

The attention of the Commission is particularly drawn to paragraph 4 of the annex to Council resolution 1982/50, in which it is stated that the documentation and programme of work of the subsidiary bodies of the Council and the Assembly should be streamlined in order to enable them to perform effectively the functions entrusted to them; that the Council and the Assembly should continue to review the

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provisional agenda for their subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, in order, inter alia, to establish greater consistency in the overall request for documentation and its orderly consideration at the intergovernmenal level, taking fully into account the medium-term plan and the programme budget; and that in doing so, the Council and the Assembly should also take into account the need for the consolidation of items and documentation for their subsidiary machinery.

Further, the Council, in resolution 1981/83, instructed its subsidiary bodies to take urgent measures to streamline their agenda and programmes of work and to bring about a substantial reduction in their requests for documents, bearing in mind the duration and cycles of their meetings, and to report to the Council on measures adopted, taking strictly into account the guidelines set forth in the pertinent resolutions and decisions of the Council and the General Assembly.

By decision 1983/163, the Council decided to request the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of intergovernmental and expert bodies, before decisions are adopted, any request for documentation that exceeds the ability of the Secretariat to prepare and process on time and within its approved resources; and to draw the attention of intergovernmental bodies to areas where duplication of documentation is likely to occur and/or where opportunities for integrating or consolidating documents that deal with related or similar themes might exist, with a view to rationalizing documentation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda for the twenty-sixth session of the Commission (E/CN.3/1989/L.2)

14. Report of the Commission on its twenty-fifth session

The Commission will adopt the report on its twenty-fifth session, which will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council.

<u>Notes</u>

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 6 (E/1987/19), chaps. I and XIII.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/41/38 and Corr.2), para. 210.

<u>3</u>/ To be issued in <u>Official Records of the General Assembly</u>, Forty-third <u>Session</u>, <u>Supplement No. 16</u> (A/43/16).