The following paragraphs are proposed for inclusion in the draft report of the Fifth Session of the Statistical Commission to the Economic and Social Council:

"The Statistical Commission took note of the report of its Committee on Classification (E/CN.3/111, paragraphs 19-23) with regard to the tentative proposals of the Population Commission for defining and enumerating industrial or social status groups, and with regard to the comments received from Governments and suggestions of the Secretary-General and the ILO for revision of the proposed categories and definitions. The Commission notes with satisfaction the progress that has been made in this matter. From the point of view of statistical technique, a satisfactory classification by industrial or social status requires the determination of uniformly acceptable categories. Such a determination in the majority of cases entails considerations of a legal and social nature which must be carefully analyzed by Governments. It is therefore necessary to give Governments further opportunity for study and experimentation with the proposed categories and definitions before definitive standards are adopted for international use. On the other hand, provisional standards are needed for immediate use in those countries which are planning to take population censuses in 1950 and 1951.

"The Statistical Commission therefore recommends, subject to the concurrence of the Population Commission, that the categories and definitions previously set forth by the latter, with appropriate modifications, be adopted as provisional standards for use in population censuses to be taken in the near future. It is urged that the Population Commission, in making such
modifications of the categories and definitions, take account of the observ-
ations and decisions of the Committee on Classifications. The Statistical
Commission further recommends that the Secretary-General, in collaboration
with the ILO, continue to study the problem of working out definitive inter-
national standards in this field, requesting the Governments to report their
opinions of the provisional standards and their experience in the application
of these standards in forthcoming censuses of population. The Commission
requests that a report on the results of such study be submitted at a future
session."