

ORAL STATEMENT OF PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION E/CN.3/2024/L.4 REV.1, ENTITLED "AN INCLUSIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE UN STATISTICAL COMMISSION TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND"

1. The present oral statement is made in accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the functional commission of the Economic and Social Council.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 8, 9 and 10, the Economic and Social Council would:
 - (a) Decide to increase the number of members of the Statistical Commission from 24 to 54 members, to be elected by the Council on the basis of equitable geographic distribution;
 - (b) Decide that the enlargement shall take effect progressively in total three steps from the beginning of the fifty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission in 2026 until the fifty-ninth session in 2028;
 - (c) Decide that the enlargement shall take effect according to the following pattern of membership in the Statistical Commission:
 - a) 8 members from African States, 6 members from Asia-Pacific States, 6 members from Latin American and the Caribbean States, 5 members from Eastern European States and 9 members from Western European and other States in 2026 at the fifty-seventh session;
 - b) 11 members from African States, 9 members from Asia-Pacific States, 8 members from Latin American and the Caribbean States, 5 for Eastern European States and 11 members from Western European and other States in 2027 at the fifty-eighth session; and
 - c) 14 members from African States, 11 members from Asia-Pacific States, 10 members from Latin American and Caribbean States, 6 members from Eastern European States and 13 members from Western European and other States starting in 2028 at the fifty-ninth session.
3. In order to implement the decision contained in the draft resolution, additional recurrent requirements under Section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the years 2026, 2027, 2028 would be required for the travel of

representatives to attend the annual session of the Statistical Commission.

4. It would be recalled that pursuant to its resolution 1147 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, the Council enlarged the Statistical Commission to 24 members according to the following pattern:

- (a) Five members from African States;
- (b) Four members from Asian States;
- (c) Four members from Latin American States;
- (d) Seven members from western European and other States;
- (e) Four members from socialist States of eastern Europe;

5. The implementation of the present draft resolution would therefore entail 10 additional members each year from 2026 until 2028 as follows:

- (a) Ten additional members in 2026: 3 from African States, 2 from Asian States; 2 from Latin American and Caribbean States, 1 from Eastern European States and 2 from Western European and other States;
- (b) Ten additional members in 2027: 3 from African States, 3 from Asian States; 2 from Latin American and Caribbean States and 2 from Western European and other States;
- (c) Ten additional members in 2028: 3 from African States, 2 from Asian States; 2 from Latin American and Caribbean States, 1 from Eastern European States and 2 from Western European and other States.

6. The requirements arising from these additional members are estimated at an additional recurrent increment of \$60,000 each year from 2026 to 2028, with the recurrent additional resources of \$180,000 each year thereafter, for which no provision has been made, per Table 1 below:

Table 1
Implications of increase of the UN Statistical Commission membership

Year	2026	2027	2028
Requirements (additional)	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Members (additional)	10	10	10

*Costs in 2028 become recurrent.

7. Should the Council adopt the draft resolution E/CN.3/2024/L.4, additional recurrent resource requirements at an increment rate of \$60,000 each year 2026 - 2028, and \$180,000

each year thereafter, would arise under Section 9, Economic and social affairs of the proposed programme budget.