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CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF DOCUMENTATION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Commission's attention is called to the fact that pursuant to a series of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly beginning with 593 (VI) of 4 February 1952 and culminating in 1272 (XIII) of 14 November 1958, the Economic and Social Council on 31 July 1959 adopted resolution 742 II (XXVIII) in which it requested the preparation of a summary of action taken by the Council and its subsidiary bodies (of which the Statistical Commission is one) to reduce the quantity of documentation produced.
2. The Commission is hereby informed that the number of pages of documentation presented to it at its fourteenth session stands at 853, as compared with 1,619 pages at the thirteenth session. This reduction was brought about by the fact that the agenda for the fourteenth session has been limited to several urgent items and to the fact that the time lapse between the thirteenth and fourteenth sessions was eighteen months, whereas that between the twelfth and thirteenth sessions had been three years.

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