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Report of the Secretary-General

1. In August 1967, the Economic and Social Council passed resolution 1267 (XLIII) with respect to relations with non-United Nations intergovernmental organizations in the economic and social fields. In the operative paragraphs of part B of the resolution, the Council:

1. Invites the Secretary-General to continue to maintain and to strengthen contacts at the secretariat level with major intergovernmental organizations in the economic and social field outside the United Nations system;

2. Further invites the Secretary-General, where he considers it would help to further the aims and work of the Council, to propose to the Council the names of intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system that should be represented by observers at sessions of the Council; these organizations may participate, with the approval of the Council and without the right to vote, in its debates on questions of concern to them;

3. Invites its subsidiary bodies of which the Statistical Commission is one/ to make recommendations to it regarding the desirability of similar relationships between themselves and specific non-United Nations intergovernmental organizations active in fields of concern to them, on the basis of proposals by the Secretary-General;

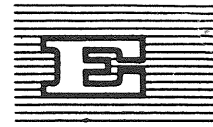
4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council on the functioning of the above arrangements at an appropriate future session.

2. As the Commission is aware, representatives of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) and of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and

Development (OECD) - both of which are non-United Nations intergovernmental organizations - attended the thirteenth and fourteenth sessions as observers, since there were items on the agendas of special interest to them. Both CMEA and OECD are also expected to attend the fifteenth session.

3. Relations with these organizations are maintained at the secretariat level; relations at the secretariat level are also maintained with the Statistical Office of the European Communities. At the present time, it is not thought that there are any other non-United Nations intergovernmental organizations with wide statistical interests that would warrant an extension of these relations. However, the procedures of the Statistical Commission are sufficiently flexible to permit the attendance of observers from other intergovernmental organizations for discussion of subjects in which the attendance of representatives is considered appropriate as a means of furthering the work of the Commission.

4. The Commission may wish to request the Secretariat to keep this matter under review.



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Corrigendum

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After "of the European Communities" insert "and the Customs Co-operation Council".
