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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND STANDARDIZATION OF VITAL STATISTICS:

DRAFT PROPOSALS

Report of the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with resolution 14 (XIII) and the programme of work and priorities adopted by the Commission at its thirteenth session, "Recommendations for the Improvement and Standardization of Vital Statistics" have been prepared. These constitute a revision of the Principles for a Vital Statistics System adopted by the Commission and approved by the Economic and Social Council in 1953. Unfortunately, this revision, having been completed later than anticipated, is available in English only (E/CN.3/388/Add.1). Since time did not permit translation into French, Spanish and Russian prior to the meeting of the Commission, the document is not available for consideration by the Commission.
2. The Commission may wish to request (1) that E/CN.3/388/Add.1 be circulated as soon as possible for comment to Governments, specialized agencies and other authorized bodies; and (2) that a revised draft, incorporating these comments, as well as those of other appropriate meetings, be placed before the Population

Commission at its fifteenth session and the Statistical Commission at its sixteenth session.

3. Among the scheduled regional meetings which will discuss the draft may be cited an Asian seminar on civil registration and vital statistics, being organized by the Conference of Asian Statisticians in July 1968; a meeting of the Subcommittee on Demographic Statistics of the Inter-American Statistical Institute's Committee on Improvement of National Statistics - tentatively scheduled for late 1968; a European regional seminar on demographic statistics, being organized by the Conference of European Statisticians in 1969; and an African seminar on vital statistics, being organized by the Conference of African Statisticians in 1969/70.