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Addendum

Major programmes of the World Health Organization

SECTION IV. MAJOR PROGRAMMES OF EACH ORGANIZATION, 1971-1975 (continued)

B. Specialized agencies (continued)

(vii) World Health Organization (WHO)

Programme 51. Improvement of national health statistics services

This is an established programme of WHO which will be continued and intensified. Particular attention will be devoted to two areas: (a) assistance to countries in organizing and improving statistics services in the planning and evaluation of health services, and (b) assistance to countries in the training of health statistical personnel at the professional, intermediate and clerical levels.

Programme 52. Collection and publication of international health statistics

Regular series comprise mortality statistics, statistics of notifiable infectious diseases, immunizations, health personnel and hospital establishments. These will be extended to include statistics of health economics, environmental health and pharmaceuticals.

Programme 53. Computer applications

The main application of the computer in WHO's statistical programme will continue to be the analysis of international medical research data.

A general mortality data bank and a data bank of mortality from cancer, containing national statistics from 1955, will be extended annually.

The feasibility of developing small data banks for: (a) WHO-assisted health statistics projects and (b) health statistics training facilities in individual countries, is being considered.

Programme 54. The International Classification of Diseases

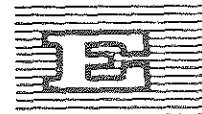
The Classification will undergo its ninth revision in 1975. In this revision, emphasis will be given to the use of the classification for hospital diagnostic indexing and for health services statistics as well as for traditional mortality and morbidity purposes.

Programme 55. Health demographic statistics

New activities are being developed in the field of health demographic statistics. These comprise studies of mortality and morbidity and methods for their analysis, projections of health statistics, seminars and training courses on statistical methods relating to family planning and statistical studies of special population groups such as the very young and the very old.

Programme 56. Advisory functions within WHO

This is an internal activity which has come to assume a major role in WHO's health statistics service. WHO conducts and co-ordinates a world-wide programme of research within the public health field. The principal areas covered are epidemiological studies of disease distribution and causation, evaluation of prophylaxes and treatment, standardization of medicaments and operations research in disease control and in the operation of medical care and other health services. This programme receives statistical guidance and support from the statistical service.



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Addendum

Co-ordination of electronic data processing

CO-ORDINATION OF ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING

1. This addendum contains additional information on recent proposals concerning the co-ordination of electronic data processing within the United Nations system.
2. In E/CN.3/393, several references were made to the need for greater co-ordination in computer applications among the organizations within the United Nations system (paragraphs 20 (b), 21 (d) and 36 (Programmes 3 and 4)).
3. The attention of the Commission is drawn to a document entitled "Electronic data processing in the United Nations family of organizations", Special Report by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, which will be available at the session. Another document entitled "Development and co-ordination of the activities of the organizations within the United Nations system", Special Report by the ACC (E/4893) will also be available at the session.
4. The Commission will note from the above documents that the decisions that may be made by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly in the matter of the electronic data processing work of the organizations will have certain implications for the Statistical Office of the United Nations. In the event that the International Computing Centre is established in Geneva as an inter-organization undertaking, certain statistical work - specifically the large computer operations in international trade statistics - will be undertaken in Geneva. This will involve the transfer of a unit of the Statistical Office to Geneva. The extent of the changes involved will not be known until the Secretary-General has received the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the General Assembly and the Council.
5. Because of the bi-annual character of its meetings, the Commission may wish to be informed prior to its seventeenth session, 1972, of the developments in this field. The Commission may wish this to be done through progress reports submitted to the working group of the Commission set up under Council resolution 1306 (XLIV) on "International statistical work programme and co-ordination", as such reports become available.