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PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES AND PLANNING

Proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1984-1985
and the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Statistical Commission will have available, during its twenty-second session, a note by the Secretary-General on the proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1984-1985 and related information. 1/ An oral report will be given to the Commission on revisions made to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 since the twenty-first session of the Commission.
2. The note by the Secretary-General will contain: (a) the proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1984-1985; (b) proposals on priorities for the work programme; (c) an analysis of dependencies among programme elements of the work programme; (d) a list of the commitments made by the Statistical Office in relation to the work programme; (e) an assessment of the mobility of the human resources available for 1984-1985; (f) information on the steps taken in the review and adoption of the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983; (g) changes made in the work programme for 1982-1983 as a result of the review process that took place after the twenty-first session of the Statistical Commission; and (h) the status of work on the output approved for 1982-1983. Items (b) to (h) above are made available as background information for the review of the proposed work programme for 1984-1985 and for the establishment of priorities.

* E/CN.3/1983/1.

3. The information contained in the note by the Secretary-General was requested by the Statistical Commission at its twenty-first session and by the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination at its ninth session. 2/

4. The proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1984-1985 is tentative since it has not yet been reviewed by the Programme Planning and Budgeting Board and is subject to change in the light of the Board's review of the relevant submissions for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 and of the Secretary-General's decisions on the proposed programme budget as a whole which is to be submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration and approval. The work programme for 1984-1985 is based on the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 which was reviewed by the Statistical Commission at its twenty-first session.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

5. The Commission may wish:

(a) To comment on the proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1984-1985;

(b) To identify the activities and output that are of highest priority.

Notes

1/ The note by the Secretary-General will be circulated as a conference room paper.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 2 (E/1981/12), paras. 230-232 and E/CN.3/1983/24, para. 41.
