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Item 2 of the provisional agenda\*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. The draft organization of work for the Statistical Commission at its twenty-second session, annexed to the present note, has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time and services allocated to the Commission.
2. The first meeting of the Commission will be convened on Monday, 7 March 1983, at 11 a.m. Facilities will be available for two formal meetings each day. The meeting hours (Monday to Friday inclusive) will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
3. With regard to its programme of work, the attention of the Commission is drawn to the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council regarding the control and limitation of documentation: 1979/41 of 10 May 1979, 1981/83 of 24 July 1981 and, in particular, 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council. In paragraph 1 (j) of its 1982/50 resolution, the Council urged all its subsidiary bodies to exercise the utmost restraint in making requests of the Secretary-General for new reports and studies and to implement fully the provisions of the decisions of the Council and the General Assembly with respect to the control and limitation of documentation.

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\* E/CN.3/1983/1.

4. The attention of the Commission is also drawn particularly to paragraph 4 of the annex to Council resolution 1982/50, wherein it was stated that the documentation and programme of work of the subsidiary bodies of the Council and the General Assembly should be streamlined in order to enable them to perform effectively the functions entrusted to them. The attention of the Commission is also drawn to the fact that the Council and the Assembly would continue to review (in accordance with Council resolution 1979/41 of 10 May 1979 and Assembly resolution 34/50 of 23 November 1979) the provisional agenda for their subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, in order, inter alia, to establish greater consistency in the overall request for documentation and its orderly consideration at the intergovernmental level, taking fully into account the medium-term plan and the programme budget. In doing so, the Council and the Assembly would also take into account the need for the consolidation of items and documentation for their subsidiary machinery.

5. Further, the Council, in paragraph 5 of its resolution 1981/83 of 24 July 1981, instructed its subsidiary bodies to take urgent measures to streamline their agenda and programmes of work and to bring about a substantial reduction in their requests for documents, bearing in mind the duration and cycles of their meetings, and to report to the Council on measures adopted, taking strictly into account the guidelines set forth in the pertinent resolutions and decisions of the Council and the General Assembly. In paragraph 6 of the same resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of intergovernmental and expert bodies, before decisions were adopted, any request for documentation that exceeded the ability of the Secretariat to prepare and process on time and within its approved resources.

6. In addition, the attention of the Commission is drawn to paragraph 2 of Council decision 1983/101 of 4 February 1983, in which, inter alia, it decided:

"(e) To draw the attention of its subsidiary bodies to General Assembly resolution 37/202 of 20 December 1982 on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and to request them to report to the Council on the results achieved in their respective sectors in applying the International Development Strategy as the policy framework in the formulation and implementation of their programmes of work and the medium-term plan;

"(f) To consider, at its second regular session of 1983, under the item entitled "Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters" (item 2), the modalities for the Council's input to the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy;"

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"(m) To direct all its subsidiary bodies to take into consideration and act, as required, on the relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session."

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Annex

## DRAFT ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday, 7 March

- a.m.   Item 1:           Election of officers
- Item 2:           Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.3/1983/1, E/CN.3/1983/L.1)
- Item 3:           Special issues
- Item 3 (a):       Administrative records (discussion document: E/CN.3/1983/2)
- p.m.    Item 3 (a):       (continued)
- Item 3 (b):       Information technology (discussion documents: E/CN.3/1983/3, E/CN.3/1983/26, chap. II; information document: E/CN.3/1983/23)

Tuesday, 8 March

- a.m.    Item 3 (b):       (continued)
- Item 3 (c):       Publication policy for statistics (discussion document: E/CN.3/1983/4)
- p.m.    Item 4:           National accounts and balances
- Item 4 (a):       System of National Accounts (SNA) (discussion documents: E/CN.3/1983/5; E/CN.3/1983/26, chap. IV.D and E; information document: E/CN.3/1983/6)
- Item 4 (b)       System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS)
- Item 4 (c)       Links between the System of National Accounts (SNA) and the System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS) (discussion document: E/CN.3/1983/8; information document: E/CN.3/1983/7)
- Item 5:           Industrial, transport, energy and international trade statistics
- Item 5 (a):       Industrial and transport statistics (discussion documents: E/CN.3/1983/9, PROVISIONAL ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/48/Rev.1; information document: E/CN.3/1983/10, chap. I)

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Wednesday, 9 March

- a.m. Item 11: Co-ordination and integration of international statistical programmes (discussion document: E/CN.3/1983/26, chap. IV.B)
- Item 7: International economic classifications (discussion document: E/CN.3/1983/15)
- Item 5 (c): International trade statistics (discussion documents: E/CN.3/1983/12, PROVISIONAL ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/34/Rev.3; information document: E/CN.3/1983/15)
- p.m. Item 6: Price statistics
- Item 6 (a): Inter-agency price statistics programme (discussion document: E/CN.3/1983/13)
- Item 6 (b): International Comparison Project (ICP) (discussion document: E/CN.3/1983/14)
- Item 9: Environment statistics (discussion document: E/CN.3/1983/19; information document: E/CN.3/1983/26, chap. IV.C)

Thursday, 10 March

- a.m. Item 10: Technical co-operation
- Item 10 (d): Technical co-operation in statistics (discussion document: E/CN.3/1983/25; information documents: E/CN.3/1983/20, E/CN.3/1983/21, E/CN.3/1983/22, E/CN.3/1983/23)
- p.m. Item 10 (a): Development of country capabilities: the National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP) and the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) (discussion documents: E/CN.3/1983/20, E/CN.3/1983/21; information document: E/CN.3/1983/26, chap. III)

Friday, 11 March

- a.m. Item 11: Co-ordination and integration of international statistical programmes (discussion document: E/CN.3/1983/26, chap. I; information document E/CN.3/1983/24)
- p.m. Item 13: Programme objectives and planning (discussion documents: E/CN.3/1983/28, E/CN.3/1983/29, E/CN.3/1983/CRP.1)



