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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. A report by the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) (E/CN.3/1983/7) transmitted to the Commission at its twenty-second session outlined the major directions in the development of the methodology for the compilation of the balances of the national economy of CMEA during the preceding 10 years. The Commission was also informed of the activities of CMEA on the elaboration of the System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS). That report and additional information substantiated the desirability of revising and updating, consistent with the progress made in the development and improvement of the methodology for the compilation of the balances of the national economy, Basic Principles of the System of Balances of the National Economy, 1/ the basic publication describing MPS, which was adopted by the Commission for the use of interested countries. During the discussion of the matter at the twenty-second session of the Commission, the view was expressed that it would be desirable for the activities of CMEA on the elaboration of MPS to be taken into account in future work related to the revision of the System of National Accounts (SNA) and the methodology of inter-system comparisons. 2/
2. After the twenty-second session of the Commission, a report entitled "Basic methodological provisions for the compilation of the System of Statistical Balances of the National Economy" was prepared by the Standing Commission on Co-operation in the Field of Statistics of CMEA. A summary of that report has also been prepared.

* E/CN.3/1985/1

1/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.71.XVII.10

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 2 (E/1983/12), para. 30.

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3. Consequently, the Secretary-General would propose, in accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the inclusion of an additional sub-item under item 4 of the provisional agenda, as follows:

(c) System of balances of the National Economy

Documentation

Basic methodological provisions for the compilation of the System of Statistical Balances of the National Economy: a summary of main points: note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/1985/22).
