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#### PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES AND PLANNING

# Proposed work programme of the regional commissions for 1988-1989 in the field of statistics

Note by the Secretary-General

#### SUMMARY

The present document presents to the Statistical Commission the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1988-1989 in the field of statistics to be implemented by the regional commissions (Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)).

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- I. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS FOR 1988-1989
- 1. The following tentative work programme 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 1988-1989 and of the Secretary-General's decisions on the proposed programme budget as a whole, which is to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-second session for consideration and approval.

#### ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

## Subprogramme 1. Statistical development

1.1 General aspects of co-ordination and development

## Output:

- (a) Reports to the fifth session of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers on: (i) statistical activities (1986-1987) and statistical work programme (1988-1989) (first quarter, 1988); and (ii) review of statistical problems and priorities in the region (first quarter, 1988);
- (b) Substantive servicing of the fifth session of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers (first quarter, 1988);
- (c) Technical publications for government statisticians and planners:

  (i) <u>Directory of African Statisticians</u> (first quarter, 1988); (ii) <u>Bibliography of African Statistical Publications</u> (fourth quarter, 1989); and (iii) <u>Statistical Newsletter</u> (semi-annual).

Operational activities: Two advisory service missions to Member States, on request, on statistical organization.

1.2 Statistical data base development

### Output:

- (a) Reports to the fifth session of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers on: (i) the ECA statistical data base (first quarter, 1988); and (ii) the survey of member States' requirements for developing statistical data bases (first quarter, 1988);
- (b) Technical publications: (i) print-outs of integrated social, demographic and economic data for government statisticians and planners (third quarter, 1988; third quarter, 1989); (ii) directory of electronic data processing centres and experts in Africa for government statisticians and planners (first quarter, 1988); and (iii) statistical computing on micro-computers for government statisticians and planners (second quarter, 1989).

# Operational activities:

- (a) Support to a training seminar on the use of software packages in statistical computing for French-speaking government statisticians and planners, including reports on (i) the uses of statistical software packages (second quarter, 1988); and (ii) essential features of selected statistical software packages (second quarter, 1988);
- (b) Two advisory service missions to Member States, on request, on the development and maintenance of national statistical data base.
  - 1.3 Statistical Training Programme for Africa (STPA)\*

# Output:

- (a) Report to the fifth session of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers on the Statistical Training Programme for Africa (first quarter, 1988);
- (b) Reports to the biennial meeting of directors of STPA centres on:
  (i) evaluation of the use of guide syllabuses in the teaching programmes at STPA centres and national statistical offices (first quarter, 1989); (ii) review of the overall staffing of statistical offices in Africa as a result of the 10 years implementation of the Statistical Training Programme for Africa (fourth quarter, 1989); and (iii) improvement of research activities at STPA training centres (first quarter, 1989);
- (c) Substantive servicing of the biennial meeting of directors of STPA centres (fourth quarter, 1989);
- (d) Technical publications for directors of STPA and associate centres, government statisticians and planners on: (i) <u>STPA News</u> (two issues per year; (ii) directory of STPA and associate centres (second quarter, 1989); and (iii) directory of non-STPA centres (second quarter, 1989).

### Operational activities:

- (a) Support to the biennial seminar for trainers involved in middle-level/in-service training on review of national in-service or middle-level statistical training programmes in Africa (fourth quarter, 1988);
- (b) Four advisory service missions to the centres participating in the Statistical Training Programme for Africa (STPA) encountering difficulties (XB).

<sup>\*</sup> Highest priority.

# Subprogramme 2. Economic statistics

2.1 National accounts, finance and prices

## Output:

- (a) Reports to the intergovernmental working group on improving the basic statistics required for planning on: (i) the use of census, survey and administrative data in national accounts (third quarter, 1988); (ii) towards an integrated and systematic approach to the improvement and development of basic economic statistics (third quarter, 1988); and (iii) prices and price analysis in the framework of national accounts (third quarter, 1988);
- (b) Substantive servicing of the intergovernmental working group on improving the basic statistics required for planning purposes (third quarter, 1988);
- (c) Technical publications: computer print-outs for government statisticians and planners on: (i) national accounts (second quarter, 1988; fourth quarter, 1988; second quarter, 1989; fourth quarter, 1989);
- (d) Technical publications for government statisticians and planners on:
  (i) modern data processing equipment as a tool to improve and facilitate compilation, publication and dissemination of price statistics (first quarter, 1988); and (ii) study on improvement of statistics on agriculture producer prices (second quarter, 1989).
  - 2.2 National Accounts Capability Programme (NACP)

### Operational activities:

- (a) Two advisory service missions to Member States, on request, in applying the United Nations System of National Accounts;
- (b) Four advisory service missions to Member States, on request, on improving basic economic statistics as a prerequisite for further improvement and development of national accounts (XB).
  - 2.3 International trade statistics

### Output:

- (a) Technical publications: computer print-outs on international trade statistics for government statisticians and planners (fourth quarter, 1988; fourth quarter, 1989);
- (b) Technical publications: Foreign Trade Statistics for Africa:
   (i) series A: direction of total trade (fourth quarter, 1988; fourth quarter, 1989); and (ii) series C summary tables (fourth quarter, 1988; fourth quarter, 1989);

(c) Technical publications on: (i) the ECOWAS system of international trade statistics for government statisticians and planners (first quarter, 1988); and (ii) conceptual framework of international trade statistics for government statisticians and planners (second quarter, 1989).

# Operational activities:

- (a) Two advisory service missions to Member States, on request, on improving the coverage, timeliness and methodology of international trade statistics;
- (b) Support to a training seminar on international trade statistics for English-speaking government statisticians (fourth quarter, 1989).
  - 2.4 Industrial statistics

# Output:

- (a) Reports for the Working Group on Improvement of Data on Small-scale and Household Industries on: (i) the importance of statistics on small-scale and household industries for development planning in Africa (fourth quarter, 1989); (ii) conceptual framework for the development of data on small-scale and household industries (fourth quarter, 1989); (iii) organization and conduct of surveys on small-scale and household industries (fourth quarter, 1989); and (iv) suggested approaches to the integration of data on small-scale and household industries;
- (b) Substantive servicing of a Working Group on Improvement of Data on Small-scale and Household Industries (fourth quarter, 1989);
- (c) Technical publications: (i) computer print-outs on general industrial statistics and commodity production in mining, manufacturing, electricity, gas and water, including energy balance sheets for government statisticians and planners (fourth quarter, 1988; fourth quarter, 1989); and (ii) statistics of new and renewable sources of energy for government statisticians and planners (first quarter, 1988).

Operational activities: Four advisory service missions to Member States, on request, on applying the international recommendations on industrial statistics, setting up integrated systems of industrial statistics and improving the coverage and timeliness of these data.

### 2.5 Other economic statistics

Output: Technical publications: (a) African Statistical Yearbook (fourth quarter, 1988; fourth quarter, 1989); (b) African social and economic indicators (fourth quarter, 1988; fourth quarter, 1989); (c) Statistical Information Bulletin for Africa (third quarter, 1988; third quarter, 1989); (d) road transport statistics for government statisticians and planners (second quarter, 1988); (e) review of statistics on youth and women in agriculture and distribution for government statisticians and planners (third quarter, 1989); (f) computer print-outs on agricultural statistics for government statisticians and planners

(fourth quarter, 1988; fourth quarter, 1989); (g) computer print-outs on transport and communications statistics for government statisticians and planners (third quarter, 1988; third quarter, 1989); and (h) computer print-outs on tourism statistics for government statisticians and planners (third quarter, 1988; third quarter, 1989).

## Subprogramme 3. Censuses and surveys

3.1 Demographic and social statistics

# Output:

- (a) Report to the Intergovernmental Working Group on Migration Statistics on: (i) review of data availability on international migration statistics in Africa (third quarter, 1988); (ii) review of data availability on international migration statistics in Africa (third quarter, 1988); and (iii) problems of interlinking migration statistics from different sources (third quarter, 1988);
- (b) Substantive servicing of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Migration Statistics (fourth quarter, 1988);

Technical publications: (a) population registers in Africa and other more conventional sources of demographic statistics for government statisticians and planners (second quarter, 1989); and (b) socio-economic indicators on women, derived from household survey data and other sources for government statisticians and planners (fourth quarter, 1989).

3.2 Support to technical co-operation project in Central Africa: Union douanière et économique de l'Afrique Centrale (UDEAC)\*\*

Output: Technical publication: methods and problems of data processing in the 1990 round of population and housing censuses of the UDEAC Member States for government statisticians, demographers and planners of Member States of the Customs and Economic Union of Central Africa (UDEAC) (second quarter, 1988).

3.3 Regional advisory service in demographic statistics (RASDS)

### Output:

(a) Reports to the Intergovernmental Working Group on Processing of Census, Civil Registration and Sample Survey Data on: (i) review of African practices in processing census, civil registration and sample survey data (second quarter, 1989); (ii) integrated plans for data entry, editing, tabulation and analysis of data (second quarter, 1989); and (iii) inventory of software packages available for statistical data processing in Africa (second quarter, 1989);

<sup>\*\*</sup> Lowest priority.

- (b) Substantive servicing of the intergovernmental working group on processing of census, civil registration and sample survey data (third quarter, 1989);
- (c) Technical publication: registration of nomadic population for government statisticians and planners (third quarter, 1988).

Operational activities: Four advisory service missions to Member States, on request, on the organization, planning and conduct of national population and housing censuses and development of civil registration systems and vital statistics collection (second quarter, 1988; fourth quarter, 1988; second quarter, 1989; fourth quarter, 1989).

3.4 African Household Survey Capability Programme (AHSCP)\*

# Output:

- (a) Reports to the Intergovernmental Working Group on Household Surveys on:
  (i) progress report on the African household survey capability programme (second quarter, 1989); (ii) income, expenditure and consumption surveys: the African experience (third quarter, 1989); and (iii) labour force surveys: experiences and problems in surveys conducted in the 1980s in Africa (third quarter, 1989);
- (b) Substantive servicing of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Household Surveys (fourth quarter, 1989);
- (c) Technical publication on the experience of the African region in household survey data analysis and applications for government statisticians and planners (third quarter, 1988).

Operational activities: Two advisory service missions to Member States, on request, on the preparation of survey programme documents, establishment of active survey operations and training and development of staff resources needed in establishing effective survey programmes.

### 3.5 Environment statistics

Output: Technical publication: computer print-outs on environment statistics for government statisticians and planners (first quarter, 1988; third quarter, 1988; first quarter, 1989; third quarter, 1989).

# Operational activities:

(a) Two advisory service missions to Member States, on request, on the establishment or improvement of environment statistics;

<sup>\*</sup> Highest priority.

(b) Support to: (i) the workshop for English-speaking countries on environment statistics (second quarter, 1988); and (ii) the workshop for French-speaking countries on environment statistics (second quarter, 1989).

# ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA

# Subprogramme 1. Statistical development

1.1 ESCWA data base and dissemination of statistics\*

Output: Technical publications: Statistical abstract of the ESCWA region and 1989 (fourth quarters, 1988 and 1989, respectively).

1.2 Development of national statistics

Output: Substantive servicing of intergovernmental meeting of heads of central statistical organizations in the ESCWA region on activities undertaken and/or to be implemented in specific areas of statistics (second quarter, 1989).

1.3 Development of data processing capabilities of ESCWA countries

Operational activities: Participation in training programmes and backstopping of national statistical offices in data processing.

# Subprogramme 2. National accounts and economic statistics

# 2.1 National accounts

Output: Technical publications: (a) National accounts studies (third quarters, 1988 and 1989, respectively); (b) Proceedings of the expert group meeting on treatment of depletable sources in national accounts and estimation of national accounts at constant prices (third quarter, 1988).

# 2.2 Economic statistics

Output: Technical publications: (a) External trade bulletin of the ESCWA region, 1988 (third quarter, 1988); (b) Technical publication: bulletin on price and finance statistics in the ESCWA region (fourth quarters, 1988 and 1989, respectively).

<sup>\*</sup> Highest priority.

# Subprogramme 3. Social, demographic and environmental statistics

3.1 Social and environmental statistics\*\*

Output: Technical publications: (a) study on social statistics in the ESCWA region (second quarter, 1989); (b) compendium of social statistics (fourth quarter, 1989).

3.2 Demographic statistics

Operational activities: Regional training workshop on population and housing censuses (third quarter, 1988) (XB).

#### ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

# Subprogramme 1. Standards and methodology

1.1 Regional statistical co-operation\*\*

### Output:

- (a) Substantive servicing of (i) the plenary sessions of the Conference of European Statisticians (1988, 1989); (ii) meeting on education statistics (second quarter, 1989); (iii) reports to and substantive servicing of meeting on housing statistics (first quarter, 1989); (iv) reports to and substantive servicing of meeting on manpower statistics (third quarter, 1988);
- (b) Annual reports to the Conference of European Statisticians on the co-ordination of statistical activities in Europe of intergovernmental organizations (1988, 1989).
  - 1.2 Organization and operation of statistical services

### Output:

- (a) Reports to and substantive servicing of the Working Party on Electronic Data Processing (second quarter, 1989); (b) substantive servicing of the meeting on statistical methodological problems (first quarter, 1988).
  - 1.3 Economic statistics

### Output:

(a) Reports to and substantive servicing of two sessions of the Working Party on National Accounts and Balances (first quarter, 1988 and third quarter, 1989);

<sup>\*\*</sup> Lowest priority.

- (b) substantive servicing of meeting on International Comparisons Project (ICP), (third quarter, 1988 and third quarter, 1989); (c) substantive servicing of meeting on price and quantity measures in services (first quarter, 1988); (d) substantive servicing of two sessions of the study group on food and agricultural statistics in Europe (second quarter, 1988 and second quarter, 1989); (e) reports to and substantive servicing of meeting on energy statistics (second quarter, 1989); (f) substantive servicing of meeting on economic classifications (third quarter, 1988).
  - 1.4 Social and demographic statistics

# Output:

- (a) Reports to and substantive servicing of the meeting of the Working Party on the Framework for the Integration of Social and Demographic Statistics (fourth quarter, 1989); (b) recommendations for the 1990 censuses of population and housing in the ECE region (sales publication, first quarter, 1988); (c) preparation of international migration matrices for ECE region for the years 1985 and 1986 (CES document, second quarter, 1989); and (d) reports to and substantive servicing of a meeting on statistics and indicators on the role and situation of women (fourth quarter, 1988).
  - 1.5 Environment statistics

#### Output:

- (a) Reports to and substantive servicing of the meeting on frameworks for environment statistics (first quarter, 1988); (b) reports to and substantive servicing of three meetings on methodological problems in the field of environment statistics (second quarter, 1988, first quarter, 1989, fourth quarter, 1989); (c) reports to and substantive servicing of meetings on environmental classifications (second quarter, 1988, first and third quarters, 1989).
  - 1.6 Environmental indicators\*\*

Output: No final output.

1.7 Statistical Computing Programme (SCP)

Output: No final output.

# Subprogramme 2. Research data and projects

2.1 Compilation of statistics for research studies

Output: No final output. The activities conducted under this programme element include the preparation of statistical input for the Economic Survey of

<sup>\*\*</sup> Lowest priority

Europe (annual), the Economic Bulletin for Europe (quarterly) and for research studies conducted by other ECE divisions.

2.2 Publication of statistical bulletins

Output: (a) Statistical Journal of the Economic Commission for Europe (quarterly); (b) Annual Bulletin of Coal Statistics for Europe; (c) Annual Bulletin of Electric Energy Statistics for Europe; (d) Annual Bulletin of Gas Statistics for Europe; (e) Annual Bulletin of General Energy Statistics for Europe; (f) Annual Bulletin of Housing and Building Statistics for Europe; (g) Annual Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe; (h) Quarterly Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe; (i) Statistics of World Trade in Steel (annual); (j) Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents for Europe (annual); (k) Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe; (l) Bulletin of Statistics on World Trade in Engineering Products (annual); (m) Statistical Indicators of Short-term Economic Changes in ECE Countries (monthly).

2.3 Substantive support for UNDP statistical activities\*\*

Operational activities: Substantive support in the form of advisory missions for UNDP regional and interregional projects in statistics, statistical information systems, use of computers for statistical purposes and training in statistics and in the use of computers for statistics.

# ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

# Subprogramme 1. Statistical development

1.1 Promotion, co-ordination and management of statistical development activities in the region

#### Output:

- (a) Substantive servicing of the Committee on Statistics, eighth session (fourth quarter, 1989);
- (b) Reports to the Committee on Statistics on various aspects of statistical development and information service activities (15 in third quarter, 1989);
- (c) Reports to ESCAP on selected issues in statistical development and information services (two, first quarter, 1988; one, first quarter, 1989);
- (d) Report to the Statistical Commission, twenty-fifth session (first quarter, 1989);
  - (e) Technical publications: Statistical Newsletter (quarterly).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Lowest priority.

Operational activities: Technical and substantive support to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) (1988, 1989).

1.2 Promotion of overall national statistical capabilities\*

Output: Technical publications: sample surveys in the ESCAP region (one in each third quarter, 1988 and 1989).

# Operational activities:

- (a) Missions to countries to advise on general statistical organization and development (one in each second quarter, 1988 and 1989);
- (b) Continuing technical co-operation project on strengthening national statistical capabilities (1988, 1989) (XB).
  - 1.3 Development of economic statistics and analysis, including national accounts

Output: Technical publication: revised manual on international trade statistics in the ESCAP region (fourth quarter, 1989) (XB).

Operational activities: Continuing technical co-operation project on the development, improvement and analysis of economic statistics, including national accounts (1988, 1989).

1.4 Development of social, demographic and other related statistics

Output: Technical publications: manuals on socio-economic indicators and on statistics on women (one in second quarter and fourth quarter, 1989) (XB).

Operational activities: Continuing technical co-operation project on the development and improvement of social, demographic, and other related statistics (1988, 1989) (XB).

1.5 Government information systems  $\underline{1}/$ 

# Output:

(a) Report to the Committee on Statistics on a review of government information systems (third quarter, 1989);

<sup>\*</sup> Highest priority.

<sup>1/</sup> The resources for this programme element are covered under programme element 6.3 of the administration and common services programme.

(b) Technical publication: Government Information Systems Newsletter (quarterly).

Operational activities: New technical co-operation project on government information systems (1989) (XB).

# Subprogramme 2. Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

2.1 Collection of basic data relating to all fields of statistics, their editing and maintenance in time series records and their retrieval for reformulation, special compilation and secretariat publications

# Output:

- (a) Technical publications: (i) Handbook on Agricultural Statistics for Asia and the Pacific (one in each third quarter, 1988 and 1989); (ii) Statistical Pocketbook for Asia and the Pacific (one in each third quarter, 1988 and 1989); (iii) Handbook on Statistics Relating to Women (first quarter, 1989). In addition, ad hoc information services and special compilations are provided;
- (b) Sales publications: (i) Statistical Indicators for Asia and the Pacific (quarterly); (ii) Quarterly Bulletin of Statistics for Asia and the Pacific (quarterly); (iii) Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific (one in each first quarter, 1988 and 1989); (iv) Foreign Trade Statistics for Asia and the Pacific, Series A (one in each first quarter, 1988 and 1989); and (v) Foreign Trade Statistics for Asia and the Pacific, Series B (one in each second quarter, 1988 and 1989).
  - 2.2 Development of a network of statistical data bases within ESCAP\*\*

No final output. The planned network of statistical data bases will use standard procedures for data collection, storage, retrieval, manipulation, analysis and dissemination. Apart from the benefit of in-house use of such a co-ordinated network of data bases, member Governments should benefit through a reduction or elimination of duplicative data requests from different ESCAP units, as well as through greater consistency in the statistical information disseminated by ESCAP. Prototypes of such a data base system may be replicated in developing countries, based on ESCAP experience (XB).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Lowest priority.

### ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

# Subprogramme 1. Regional framework of quantitative information

1.1 Latin American and Caribbean Data Bank of Economic and Social Statistics\*

Intermediate Output: Standardized statistical tables and data bases: organization and management of an integrated bank of computerized data bases of statistics in special fields, with adequate storage and retrieval systems. Main-frame data bases and statistical tables as well as computer programmes will also be available to allow micro-computers to gain stand-alone processing power, mainly for quantitative analysis and modelling devised in developing stages of specialized projects (1988, 1989).

1.2 Regional statistics and indicators

Output: Technical publications: (a) Statistical Yearbook for Latin America (one in fourth quarter, 1988; one in fourth quarter, 1989); (b) ECLAC statistical papers on specific subjects (one in third quarter, 1988; one in third quarter, 1989); and (c) synthesis (one in fourth quarter, 1988; one in fourth quarter, 1989).

1.3 Statistical support for ECLAC studies and projects

Output: Tables for the Economic Survey of Latin America; ECLAC projections and data for other reports prepared by the ECLAC secretariat (1988, 1989); and preparation of statistical data for reports on Central America and Mexico (1988, 1989).

### Subprogramme 2. Studies in methods and quantitative analysis

2.1 Income distribution, living conditions and poverty

Output: Technical publications: (a) report on estimates of poverty in Latin American countries for the 1980s, on the basis of recent and forthcoming household surveys (one in fourth quarter, 1989); (b) reports on profiles of income distribution and its relation with education, type of occupation, and other characteristics of the recipients and of households (one in each, second and fourth quarters, 1988; one in each, second and fourth quarters, 1989); and (c) report on comparisons of overall concentration in the distribution of income (one in fourth quarter, 1989).

2.2 Household survey methods\*\*

Output: Technical publications: reports on household survey methods (one in fourth quarter, 1988; one in fourth quarter, 1989) (XB).

<sup>\*</sup> Highest priority.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Lowest priority.

Operational activities: It is expected that one inter-country project will be in progress during the biennium (1988, 1989) (XB).

# 2.3 Social indicators, employment and the labour force

Output: Technical publications: (a) report on social statistics, including methodological analyses and selection of indicators in each area (one in third quarter, 1989) (XB); (b) report containing updated regional series on employment and unemployment trends by socio-economic categories (one in third quarter, 1988) (XB); and (c) report on social stratification (one in fourth quarter, 1988) (XB).

# 2.4 National accounts and economic development indicators

Output: Technical publications: (a) report on studies on national practices regarding national accounts (one in third quarter, 1989); (b) report on a study on national practices regarding industrial statistics (one in third quarter, 1988); (c) report on price indexes, both for internal use in countries and for international comparisons between countries (one in fourth quarter, 1989); and (d) report on the change of base-year to 1980 of the regional series of national accounts (one in fourth quarter, 1988).

# 2.5 External sector statistics

Output: Technical publications: (a) report on methods for obtaining comparable indicators relating to external financing (one in third quarter, 1988); (b) reports on quantitative analyses of trade flows of goods and terms of trade (one in each third and fourth quarters, 1988; one in each third and fourth quarters, 1989); and (c) report on a regional appraisal on the situation of statistics of foreign trade services, including a quantitative analysis of trade flow of services (one in fourth quarter, 1989).

# Subprogramme 3. Statistical development and regional statistical co-operation

# 3.1 Technical co-operation

### Operational activities:

- (a) Provision of training and advisory services to member States: (i) in the area of household surveys: design, sampling and data processing, as well as analyses in the field of population and social statistics (about seven missions in 1988 and seven in 1989) (XB); (ii) in the areas of statistics organization, economic statistics and national accounts (about four missions in 1988 and four in 1989) (XB); (iii) in the field of information edition, management and table generation using computer techniques (about two missions and four trainees in 1988 and two missions and four trainees in 1989) (XB); and (iv) in the promotion of interregional co-operation: (about three missions and six trainees in 1988 and three missions and six trainees in 1989) (XB);
- (b) It is expected that one inter-country project will commence during the biennium (1988, 1989) (XB).

3.2 Regional seminars and training courses

Output: Substantive servicing of regional seminars for national experts on:

- (a) harmonization of national accounts (one in third quarter, 1988) (XB);
- (b) design and use of household surveys for measuring living conditions (one in second quarter, 1988) (XB); and (c) preparation of statistical surveys and censuses for 1990 which will serve as a basis for national accounts series in the 1990s (one in fourth quarter, 1989) (XB).

Operational activities: Provision of training jointly with specialized regional institutions (such as ILPES, CIENES, and CEMLA) within Member States (XB).

3.3 Regional statistical bodies

# Output:

on-line data banks.

- (a) Technical publications: report to CEGA-CIE on social and economic statistics (one in third quarter, 1988);
- (b) Substantive servicing of two sessions of the Co-ordinating Board COM-CIE (one in third quarter, 1988 and one in third quarter, 1989).
  - 3.4 Co-ordination of statistical activities and dissemination of information

Output: Public information services: (a) co-ordination of statistical activities with regional and international organizations through co-ordination meetings; analysis of work programmes; participation in sessions of the Statistical Commission and ACC subcommittee meetings; discussions and design of joint or collaborative projects; preparation of regional inputs for UNSO documents; (b) dissemination of methodological material among national experts; and (c) dissemination of harmonized regional information through direct access to