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DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION*

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1984 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, requested the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a functional commission or subsidiary body of the Council, a draft provisional agenda for its following session and to indicate, in respect of each agenda item, the documents to be submitted under the item and the legislative authority for their preparation.
2. Pursuant to Council resolution 1979/41 of 10 May 1979, the draft provisional agenda for its subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, is submitted to the Council for its review, in order, inter alia, to establish greater consistency between the documentation of those bodies and the overall documentation requested by the Council and other subsidiary bodies and greater consistency between the requests for documentation and the medium-term plan and the programme budget.
3. In resolution 1985/50 of 28 July 1982 on the revitalization of its work, the Council endorsed the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the documentation and programme of work of the subsidiary bodies of the Council should also be streamlined in order to enable them to perform effectively the functions entrusted to them.
4. The following draft provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. The draft provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission will be completed at the present session in the light of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and will be submitted to the Council for review, in accordance with Council resolution 1979/41.

* Subject to adjustments that may be required as a result of decisions taken after the preparation of the present document.

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Special issues:
 - (a) The future form of the world statistical system;

Documentation

A report on the current and potential future relationships among national and international statistical agencies and ways to enhance them (see E/CN.3/1985/17, para. 27)

- (b) Special statistical problems in the statistically least developed among the developing countries;

Documentation

A report, following up discussions of this matter at the twenty-third session of the Statistical Commission and including a consideration of the appropriateness of existing international statistical guidelines for these countries (see E/CN.3/1985/17, para. 27)

- (c) The interrelations between statistical services and the emerging network of data bases.

Documentation

A report on the development of networks of data bases incorporating data bases of interest to national and international statistical agencies and their implications for statistical services (see E/CN.3/1985/17, para. 27)

4. Dissemination of international statistics.

Documentation

Report on actions taken following the Commission's consideration of agenda items 3 (a) and (c) at the twenty-third session, "Meeting user needs for, and improving the dissemination of, international statistics" and "Publication policy for statistics" (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.1)

5. National accounts and balances:

- (a) System of National Accounts (SNA);

Documentation

Report on progress in the revision of the System of National Accounts (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.3).

(b) System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS);

Documentation

Report on the revision of the System of Balances of the National Economy (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.4);

Draft Basic Methodological Provisions for the Compilation of the System of Balances of the National Economy (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.4)

(c) Links between the System of National Accounts (SNA) and the System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS).

Documentation

Report on the elaboration of the conceptual framework of SNA and MPS comparisons and related experimental calculations (see E.CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.5)

6. International economic classifications.

Documentation

Progress report on the harmonization of international economic classifications (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.7)

Draft revision of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.7)

Draft of the Central Product Classification (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.7)

7. Price statistics.

Documentation

Report on phase V of the International Comparison Programme (ICP) (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.6)

8. Energy and environment statistics:

(a) Energy statistics;

Documentation

Report on energy statistics including statistics on new and renewable sources of energy (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.9)

(b) Environment statistics.

Documentation

Report on the environment statistics programmes, including the methodological work carried out and progress towards collection and dissemination of environment statistics (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.9)

9. Demographic and social statistics.

Documentation

Report on preparations for the World Population and Housing Census Programme, 1985-1994 (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.10)

Draft supplementary recommendations for the World Population and Housing Census Programme, 1985-1994 (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.10)

10. Technical co-operation.

Documentation

Overall report on technical co-operation in statistics rendered by the United Nations system, other international organizations and countries (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.)

11. Co-ordination and integration of international statistical programmes.

Documentation

Report on the eleventh session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination

12. Programme implementation.

Documentation

Overall review of the main results of statistical work of the international organizations (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.)

13. Programme objectives and planning.

Documentation

Report on the plans in statistics of the international organizations, concentrating on important planned changes, that is, new activities and activities to be cancelled or significantly modified (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.)

Proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1988-1989 (see E/CN.3/1985/L.4/Add.)

14. Draft provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth session of the Commission.
15. Report of the Commission to the Economic and Social Council.
