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1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure and past practice, the Commission will elect, at its first meeting, a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur to serve from the beginning of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission to the beginning of the twenty-seventh session.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The items on the provisional agenda and the corresponding documentation were considered by the Commission at its twenty-fifth session 1/ and approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1989/115 of 22 May 1989.

The Commission's Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination considered the provisional agenda and documentation at its thirteenth session (see E/CN.3/1991/2, paras. 9-32). The Working Group endorsed the agenda and made the following additions and modifications: (a) it added sub-item 9 (b), Civil registration and vital statistics; sub-item 9 (f), Human settlement statistics; and sub-item 11 (d), Co-ordination issues related to the National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP), the Social Dimensions of Adjustment project (SDA) and the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS); and (b) it changed the numbering of sub-item 9 (b) (Social statistics and indicators) to 9 (c); sub-item 9 (c) (Patterns of consumption: qualitative aspects of development) to 9 (d); and sub-item 9 (d) (Environment statistics) to 9 (e).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session  
(E/CN.3/1991/L.1)

3. Special issues

(a) Increasing user awareness of the value of statistical outputs and services

The Secretary-General will submit a report describing the national and international experiences with respect to increasing user awareness of the value of statistical outputs and services. The report, based on an inquiry sent to selected national and international statistical offices, will discuss the current level and nature of user awareness of statistical outputs and services and will provide a description of the measures being taken to increase that awareness. It is hoped that the report and the Commission's discussion of the topic will help to disseminate those experiences for the benefit of all national and international statistical services.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on increasing user awareness of the value of statistical outputs and services (E/CN.3/1991/3)

(b) Report on the effects of structural adjustment programmes and the debt burden on the work programmes of national and international statistical services

The Secretary-General will submit a report describing the implications that the overall developments of structural adjustment and the debt crisis of developing countries have had on the work of national and international statistical services.

The report examines a number of general questions on structural adjustment and the nature of foreign debt so as to give a basic understanding of the problem and its magnitude. It covers both the positive and the negative aspects of structural adjustment and their implications for economic and financial statistics. It discusses the impact of those on national and international statistical services in terms of the short-term and long-term curtailment of ongoing and planned statistical programmes as well as new and emerging data needs and other requirements such as technological and programmatic needs.

The report also discusses the fourth United Nations development decade and the needed data and data systems for monitoring and evaluating the development strategy, covering not only elements relating to economic growth but also the human condition, and a review of the necessary statistical methodology and instruments.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effects of structural adjustment programmes and debt burden on the work programmes of national and international statistical services (E/CN.3/1991/4)

4. National accounts and balances

(a) System of National Accounts (SNA)

The Secretary-General will submit a progress report summarizing the co-ordination of the work programme by the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat and the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts. The report will provide an overview of the main changes included in the draft SNA chapters reflecting the conclusions reached by SNA expert groups. It will also review the discrepancies between the proposed changes and the recommendations contained in the reports of the regional meetings and of the Expert Group on the Reconciliation of SNA/MPS Standards on National Accounting. In addition the report will deal with Handbooks and future implementation of the SNA, and will present a timetable for the final phase of the SNA review (1991-1992) before its expected adoption in 1993 at the twenty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission.

Each of the five regional commissions will present a report on the outcome of their regional meetings on the revision of the SNA. The reports will deal with main concepts, classifications and structure of accounts and tables of the revised SNA from the point of view of each region. The reports will also give regional views on the implementation of the revised SNA (including, for example, needs in terms of training, fellowships, technical advisory services and software).

For annotations on the reports of the meetings of the Expert Group on the Reconciliation of SNA/MPS Standards on National Accounting and related activities, see item 4 (b) below. For annotations on the report on progress made in the development of environment statistics and future plans, see item 9 (e) below.

The first complete draft of the revised SNA will be presented to the Commission for comments.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the review of the System of National Accounts (SNA) (E/CN.3/1991/5)

Report of the Working Party of the Conference of European Statisticians on the System of National Accounts (SNA) (E/CN.3/1991/6)

Report of the Economic Commission for Africa Expert Group Meeting on the System of National Accounts (SNA) (E/CN.3/1991/7)

Report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Expert Group Meeting on the System of National Accounts (SNA) (E/CN.3/1991/8)

Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean Expert Group Meeting on the System of National Accounts (SNA) (E/CN.3/1991/9)

Report of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Expert Group Meeting on the System of National Accounts (SNA) (E/CN.3/1991/10)

Report of the meetings of the Expert Group on the Reconciliation of SNA/MPS Standards on National Accounting and related activities (E/CN.3/1991/11)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the development of environment statistics and future plans (E/CN.3/1991/23)

Draft of the revised System of National Accounts (SNA) (PROVISIONAL, ST/ESA/STAT/SER.F/2/Rev.4)

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

The Secretary-General will submit a note transmitting to the Statistical Commission a report prepared by the Secretariat of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) on any elaboration of MPS. It is the revised version of the report which was considered by the Expert Group meeting convened by the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) in 1989.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) on the elaboration of MPS (E/CN.3/1991/12)

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

The Secretary-General will submit a report on progress made in the development of a handbook on SNA/MPS reconciliation. Since the work on the handbook is closely linked to parallel work carried out by CMEA, the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), and by individual pairs of countries on a bilateral basis, and reflects the conclusions reached by meetings organized by CMEA, ECE, and other forums, the report will also give an overall account of the parallel activities carried out and the conclusions of the meetings. A summary reference to the conclusions of the Expert Group on the Reconciliation of SNA/MPS Standards on National Accounting (Moscow, 4-9 December 1989) will also be made in the report. Further details of the meeting, however, will be described in another document (E/CN.3/1991/11).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the harmonization of the System of National Accounts (SNA) and the System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS) (E/CN.3/1991/13)

Report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the Expert Group on the Reconciliation of SNA/MPS Standards on National Accounting and related activities (E/CN.3/1991/11)

5. International economic classifications

The International Labour Office will submit a report on the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE). It will present the progress of the joint ILO/Statistical Office work to develop proposals for improvements in the conceptual basis and definitions of the International Classification of Status in Employment, and will deepen the classification by the inclusion of sub-groups. Included also in the report will be a general review of national practices, including the scope and limitations of the classifications used in population and housing censuses and other data sources.

Documentation

Report of the International Labour Office on the progress of work on the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE) (E/CN.3/1991/14)

6. Service statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report on the work done by national and international agencies in the field of service statistics. The report will focus on data compilation and methodological development. It will review the availability of basic statistics, methodological developments in statistics related to service-producing activities and the measurement, in constant prices, of value-added in services activities. The report will also describe the efforts of international statistical agencies to achieve inter-country comparability of services statistics and to improve their availability, through technical co-operation and development and the dissemination of technical documentation.

The Secretary-General will also present a report on service statistics dealing with a substantive topic, prepared by the Voorburg Group. As provisionally agreed at the October 1989 meeting of the Voorburg Group, the report will describe the format of a standard survey of producers of computer services. The aim of such a survey would be to obtain prices and quantities of the related Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) categories of services sold domestically and abroad. Also envisaged is the development of a model, including supporting methodology which would be made available to the international community.

#### Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work done by national and international agencies in the field of service statistics (E/CN.3/1991/15)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Voorburg Group on service statistics dealing with a substantive topic (E/CN.3/1991/16)

#### 7. Price statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report on the International Comparison Project (ICP). The report will describe the finalization of the phase V comparisons (reference year, 1985) and will discuss progress in the phase VI comparisons. A separate section will summarize the conclusions of the 1988 and 1989 seminars on ICP methodology and the first experiences of the "rolling base" comparisons applied in the comparisons of the European Economic Community (EEC) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The methodological aspects of the linkage of the regional comparisons and the reliability of a world comparison on the basis of the experiences in phases IV and V will be considered. Progress in preparing an ICP handbook will also be reported. The organizational and financial problems of the ICP, with special attention to the co-ordination of the world comparison, will be described. The report will also include a review of experiences of organizations and other users in the application of ICP results.

#### Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on developments in phase VI of the International Comparison Programme (ICP) and related issues (E/CN.3/1991/17)

#### 8. Industrial statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report on the World Programme of Industrial Statistics. The report will review the 1983 World Programme in the context of its purposes, by comparing its outcome to that of the 1973 Programme, its effectiveness in encouraging benchmark enumerations and the apparent impact of the regional training workshops associated with it. The report will also set out proposals with respect to the next World Programme of Industrial Statistics, taking into account the views of the regional commissions, specialized agencies and experts in the field of industrial statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Programme of Industrial Statistics (E/CN.3/1991/18)

9. Demographic, social and environment statistics

(a) Population and housing censuses

The Secretary-General will submit a report on the 1990 World Population and Housing Census Programme as part of the document on general methodological work (E/CN.3/1991/24). It will summarize the various preparations undertaken by the Secretariat and other organizations designed to assist countries to carry out the 1990 round of population and housing censuses. It will also discuss briefly some aspects of quality appraisal and the development of census data bases to promote maximum dissemination and utilization of the census results. Support given to developing countries in terms of technical co-operation for their population and housing censuses will be described. Also included will be a listing of the dates of national population and/or housing censuses taken or anticipated during the decade 1985-1994.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on general development and integration of methodological work, including experience and progress made in international classifications (E/CN.3/1991/24, sect. II.D)

(b) Civil registration and vital statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report on civil registration and vital statistics. It will, in section I, present an overview of the progress made and problems encountered in improving the civil registration and vital statistics systems in developing countries. Section II will focus on important developments in civil registration and vital statistics, including emerging issues in improving civil registration and advances in data-processing technology, dissemination and use of data. In the light of these developments, it will also consider technical co-operation needs, including a newly initiated programme for accelerating the improvement of vital statistics and civil registration systems in collaboration with various interested organizations.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress on civil registration and vital statistics (E/CN.3/1991/19)

(c) Social statistics and indicators

The Secretary-General will submit a progress report on the development of a co-ordinated United Nations system data base for selected social statistics and indicators of common interest at national and international levels to assist in



monitoring social goals in the 1990s pursuant to the discussion of the Working Group of the Statistical Commission at its last session. The report will describe the concept of an international data base in social statistics, review common social statistics requirements at national and international levels and current compilation and co-ordination arrangements in light of technical possibilities, and consider series and classifications to be included. It will also describe plans for technical co-operation to developing countries to establish and maintain national data bases used to monitor progress in achieving social goals in the 1990s.

#### Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the development of a co-ordinated data base for the United Nations system for selected social statistics and indicators of common interest and the development of related national data bases (E/CN.3/1991/20)

#### (d) Patterns of consumption: qualitative aspects of development

The Secretary-General and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) will submit the final report summarizing the results of case-studies carried out by UNRISD on qualitative aspects of development, pursuant to the request of the Statistical Commission at its last session (para. 159 (e)) and to resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council (1987/6 of 26 May 1987 and 1989/4 of 22 May 1989) and General Assembly (40/179 of 17 December 1985 and 44/234 of 22 December 1989). Pursuant to the request of the Working Group of the Statistical Commission at its last session, the report will also report on preparations for the international statistical meeting on indicators of patterns of consumption, planned to be held in Morocco in 1990, and related co-ordination of that work with national and international statistical activities.

#### Documentation

Final report on the case-studies carried out by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development on qualitative aspects of development and on the preparations for the planned international statistical meeting on the subject (E/CN.3/1991/21)

#### (e) Environment statistics

The Secretary-General will submit two reports. The first - on methods of environment statistics developed under the work programme of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) - will be prepared by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), following the request of the Statistical Commission at its twenty-fifth session. It will contain descriptions of the various relevant classifications and other methodological aspects that have been adopted by CES. Information on experiences with those methodologies will also be included, with a view to identifying those classifications and methodological outputs of CES that may be particularly appropriate for international adaptation and use.

The second report will focus on progress made in the development of environment statistics and future plans. It will describe the technical report "Concepts and methods of environment statistics - Statistics of the natural environment", and progress made in the development of a handbook of environmental accounting. The work of selected national statistical offices and co-operation with those offices will be described, based on the contributions to and results of the Inter-governmental Working Group on the Advancement of Environment Statistics (Oslo, 2-4 May 1990). The report will review progress in the development of environment statistics programmes at the regional level, and co-operation with international organizations. The feasibility of the compilation and dissemination of environment statistics at the global level will be considered in the points for discussion.

#### Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on methods of environment statistics developed under the work programme of the Conference of European Statisticians (E/CN.3/1991/22)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the development of environmental statistics and future plans (E/CN.3/1991/23)

#### (f) Human settlement statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report on human settlements statistics as part of the document on general methodological work (E/CN.3/1991/24). The report reviews work accomplished since the twenty-first session of the Statistical Commission when human settlements statistics were last discussed. It also reviews the ongoing programme, on a much reduced scale, on data collection and dissemination and how future work will continue in the light of mandated reductions in resources. Methodological work on an expert group meeting and the study of methods and problems of integrating housing and human settlements statistics with other social and economic statistics are also reported.

#### Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the general development and integration of methodological work, including experience and progress made in international classifications (E/CN.3/1991/24, sect. II.E)

#### 10. General development and integration of methodological work

The Secretary-General will submit a summary report on ongoing work in the areas of international classifications, energy, international trade and transport statistics, population and housing censuses, housing and human settlements statistics and statistical programmes for social indicators. Those are areas where no major discussion of methodological issues is expected but on which the Commission needs to be informed of developments. The report will summarize the results of work-sharing undertaken in intergovernmental working groups and other approaches that have been adopted to accelerate statistical development. The

report will also provide an analysis of resources allocated to the different areas of methodological work undertaken by the Statistical Office. The section on trade statistics will include a brief report on the ASYCUDA (Automated System for Customs Data) project.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on general development and integration of methodological work, including experience and progress made in international classifications (E/CN.3/1991/24)

11. Technical co-operation

(a) Technical co-operation in statistics

Under this agenda item the Secretary-General will submit a report dealing with technical co-operation activities in statistics. It includes a summary of expenditures in technical co-operation programmes in statistics during 1987-1990 by the United Nations system and by several multilateral organizations. Issues and problems in training at the global, regional and country levels are addressed, including training in the administration and management of national statistical services. Issues in statistical data-processing and informatics are addressed, including the use of microcomputers by developing countries in statistical data processing and, in particular, in the data capture of returns from censuses and surveys. The report will also review available information on priorities for statistical development in terms of those established by the recipient countries, the multilateral and bilateral donor agencies and various international programmes with technical co-operation components. The report will also address the effects of structural adjustment programmes and debt burden on the work programmes of national and international statistical services.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on technical co-operation in statistics (E/CN.3/1991/25)

Report of the Secretary-General on the effects of structural adjustment programmes and debt burden on the work programmes of national and international statistical services (E/CN.3/1991/4)

(b) National Household Survey Capability Programme

The Secretary-General will submit a report on progress made in the implementation of the National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP), the present status of the project and the work programme envisaged up to the end of 1992. It will refer to the country-level survey activities, among others, supported under the programme, technical studies undertaken and training programmes organized. It will also refer to the co-ordination of the programme with other internationally sponsored household survey programmes and other related statistical activities such as population and housing censuses, social statistics and indicators.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the National Household Survey Capability Programme: progress in programme implementation and co-ordination (E/CN.3/1991/26)

(c) World Bank household survey initiatives

The World Bank will submit a report on the progress made in implementing its two initiatives in the field of integrated household surveys, conducted under the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) and the Social Dimensions of Adjustment (SDA) project. The report will review the experience gained, with particular reference to meeting national needs for data and data analysis. It will also review methodological developments, the experience gained in the use of microcomputers in processing survey data, and changes introduced in survey design in the light of experience and emerging country needs for data. The report will deal briefly with future work plans of the World Bank in promoting the two programmes. In a final section of the report the progress made in co-ordinating LSMS and the SDA project with other international survey initiatives, both globally and at the country level, will be reported.

Documentation

Report of the World Bank on progress made in implementing the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) and the Social Dimensions of Adjustment (SDA) project (E/CN.3/1991/27)

(d) Co-ordination issues related to the National Household Survey Capability Programme, the Social Dimensions of Adjustment project and the Living Standards Measurement Study

Co-ordination between NHSCP, SDA and LSMS will be discussed under this sub-item on the basis of the Secretary-General's report on the National Household Survey Capability Programme, submitted under sub-item 11 (a), and the World Bank's report on SDA and LSMS, submitted under sub-item 11 (b). The Commission will discuss co-ordination of the three initiatives with other statistical programmes which include household survey components, especially the programme considered under agenda item 9 (c), Social statistics and indicators, and - where relevant - co-ordination with other data-collection activities, such as population and housing censuses.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the development of a co-ordinated data base for the United Nations system for selected social statistics and indicators of common interest and the development of related national data bases (relevant segments) (E/CN.3/1991/20)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the National Household Survey Capability Programme: progress in programme implementation and co-ordination (E/CN.3/1991/26)

Report of the World Bank on progress made in implementing the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) and the Social Dimensions of Adjustment (SDA) project (E/CN.3/1991/27)

12. Co-ordination and integration of international statistical programmes

The Commission will have before it the report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination on its thirteenth session, held in Geneva from 11 to 14 September 1989. The report includes a review of progress and future plans on the revision of the System of National Accounts and on the International Comparison Programme, a review of the provisional agenda and the documentation for the twenty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission, a review of comments made by members of the Statistical Commission on the report of the Secretary-General of the Statistical Commission at its twenty-fifth session on general development and integration of methodological work (E/CN.3/1989/15), consideration of co-ordination of the statistical data-collection activities of international organizations, including ad hoc collection activities by non-statistical units of international organizations, consideration of ways to accelerate statistical development while ensuring co-ordination in selected fields of statistics and consideration of possible changes to the composition of the Working Group.

In addition, the co-ordination aspects of the report of the Secretary-General on the statistical work of international organizations mentioned under agenda item 13 (a), and the report of the Secretary-General on the plans of international organizations in the field of statistics, mentioned under agenda item 13 (b), will be considered.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination of its thirteenth session (E/CN.3/1991/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the statistical work of international organizations (E/CN.3/1991/28)

Report of the Secretary-General on the plans of international organizations in the field of statistics (E/CN.3/1991/29)

13. Programme questions

(a) Programme performance and implementation

The Secretary-General will submit a report containing an overall review of the principal statistical activities of international organizations for the years 1988 and 1989 and approximately the first six months of 1990. It will concentrate on major achievements and important changes in the activities of the organizations. The Secretary-General will also submit a report containing information on significant developments which have occurred since the various substantive reports for the Commission were completed and information on any important developments in areas of work not already covered by the agenda of the Commission.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/238, the Commission will also have before it the relevant parts of the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1988-1989 and of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-ninth session (A/44/16). 2/

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the statistical work of international organizations (E/CN.3/1991/28)

Report of the Secretary-General on updated information on the work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat (E/CN.3/1991/30)

(b) Programme objectives and planning

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General providing information on the proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1992-1993, including relevant information on the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. The document will serve, *inter alia*, as a covering note for the conference room paper containing the proposed work programme for 1992-1993 (E/CN.3/1991/CRP.1) and the General Assembly document containing the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 for statistics [A/45/6 (Prog. 24)].

With regard to the work programme for 1992-1993, the report will contain, in addition to the proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1992-1993, (a) priorities proposed for 1992-1993, (b) comparative information on the number of professional work-months assigned to each programme element for 1990-1991 and 1992-1993 and (c) for each output approved for 1990-1991, the initial target date for completion and the stage of completion reached, and for each delayed output, the revised target date.

With regard to the medium-term plan, the Commission will recall that at its twenty-fifth session it considered preliminary proposals for the plan, which has since been revised to conform with the final instructions issued on its preparation. The proposed plan now before the Commission [A/45/6 (Prog. 24)] reflects these revisions, which are as follows: (a) intergovernmental and secretarial objectives have been consolidated, (b) material under each sub-programme relating to the time prior to the plan period has been eliminated, (c) legislative authority has been updated and expanded. In addition, substantive changes were made to accommodate comments received from agencies describing recent developments. The Committee for Programme and Co-ordination considered the proposed medium-term plan at its thirtieth session.

Another document submitted to the Commission for consideration will be a report by the Secretary-General on the plans of international organizations in the area of statistics. The report will cover new additions to and major changes in existing plans for the relevant plan periods of the international organizations.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1992-1993, including relevant information on the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (E/CN.3/1991/31)

Report of the Secretary-General on the plans of international organizations in the field of statistics (E/CN.3/1991/29)

Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997: Major Programme IV. International Economic Co-operation for Development. Programme 24. Statistics [A/45/6 (Prog. 24)]

14. Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the provisional agenda for its twenty-seventh session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each item and the legislative authority for their preparation.

In resolution 1979/41, the Council decided that the provisional agenda for its subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, should be submitted to the Council for its review, in order, inter alia, to establish greater consistency between the requests for documentation and the medium-term plan and the programme budget.

By resolution 1989/114 on further measures for the implementation of Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council, the Council urged its subsidiary bodies to implement fully resolution 1979/41 in submitting to the Council for consideration their provisional agenda together with the list of requested documentation, with a view to ensuring greater consistency in requests for documentation and improving reporting procedures. In this connection, it will be recalled that 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 decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly with respect to the control and limitation of documentation (Council resolutions 1981/83 and 1982/50).

By decision 1983/163, the Council decided to request the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of intergovernmental and expert bodies, before decisions are adopted, any request for documentation that exceeds the ability of the Secretariat to prepare and process on time and within its approved resources and to draw the attention of intergovernmental bodies to areas where duplication of documentation is likely to occur and/or where opportunities for integrating or consolidating documents that deal with related or similar themes might exist, with a view to rationalizing documentation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission

15. Report of the Commission on its twenty-sixth session

The Commission will adopt the report on its twenty-sixth session, which will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council.

Attention is drawn to Council resolution 1989/114 on further measures for the implementation of Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council, in which the Council requested its subsidiary bodies to highlight policy recommendations and decisions resulting from their deliberations for consideration and appropriate action by the Council.

Notes

1/ Official records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 3 (E/1989/21), chaps. I and XIV.

2/ To be issued in Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/44/16).

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