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Items for discussion and decision: working methods of the Statistical Commission

Draft resolution submitted by the Bureau

Follow-up concerning the membership of the Statistical Commission

The Statistical Commission recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Follow-up concerning the membership of the Statistical Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions [8 \(I\)](#) of 16 February 1946 and [8 \(II\)](#) of 21 June 1946, by which the Council established the Statistical Commission and defined its terms of reference and membership,

Taking into account its resolution [1147 \(XLI\)](#) of 4 August 1966 on the enlargement of its subsidiary bodies, in which the Council increased the number of members of the Statistical Commission to 24, with a set geographical distribution,

Reaffirming its resolution [1566 \(L\)](#) of 3 May 1971, in which the Council stressed the importance of the coordination function of the Statistical Commission and the need to achieve an integrated system in the collection, data processing and dissemination of international statistics, recognized the interest of the Statistical Commission and the Statistical Office in matters related to the use of computers in the United Nations system, and requested the Secretary-General to undertake, in cooperation with the specialized agencies and the United Nations Development Programme, concerted action to assist the developing countries in strengthening their statistical systems,

Recalling its resolution [2022/3](#) of 8 June 2022, in which the Council called for strengthening the coordination of statistical programmes of the various organs and agencies in the United Nations system, and identified the Statistical Commission as the primary body for the coordination of the statistical programmes of the United Nations system,

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Addressing the concern raised by the Statistical Commission in paragraph (g) of its decision 53/105 of 11 March 2022 regarding equitable geographical distribution used for the composition of the Commission, reckoning with proper subregional representation and/or representation of small island developing States and least developed countries,¹

1. *Decides* that the membership of the Statistical Commission shall be increased from 24 to 47, the members to be elected from among the States Members of the United Nations, according to the following pattern:

- (a) 12 seats for African States;
- (b) 11 seats for Asia-Pacific States;
- (c) 5 seats for Eastern European States;
- (d) 9 seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;
- (e) 10 seats for Western European and other States;

2. *Also decides* that the enlargement shall take effect from the beginning of the fifty-fifth session of the Statistical Commission.

¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2022, Supplement No. 4 (E/2022/24)*, chap. I, sect. C.