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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Memorandum by the Secretary-General)

1. Election of officers of the Commission

A chairman, a vice-chairman and a rapporteur will be elected to serve from the beginning of the fourteenth session to the beginning of the fifteenth session of the Commission.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Commission may wish to modify the provisional agenda (E/CN.3/540). It may also wish to consider the sequence in which the items on the agenda should be discussed.

3. National accounts and balances

(a) The extension and revision of the System of National Accounts

Two documents will be presented to the Commission: "Proposals for Revising the SNA, June 1966" (E/CN.3/545) and the report of the second session of the Expert Group on the Extension and Revision of the SNA in respect of these proposals (E/CN.3/346). Document E/CN.3/345 will be a version of the proposals in E/CN.3/320, which was considered at the thirteenth session of the Commission, modified and elaborated in the light of the regional and other consultations which have taken place since March 1965. It will deal with all portions of the system proposed in E/CN.3/320 except national and sector balance sheets; it will include, in addition, detailed definitions and classifications and an adaptation of the proposed system to the requirements and circumstances of the developing countries.

(b) National and sector balance-sheet accounts integrated into the System of National Accounts

This (E/CN.3/347) will be a report by the second session of the Expert Group on the Extension and Revision of the SNA on the concepts and classifications of national and sector balance-sheet accounts which are integrated into the proposed SNA and the implications of the integration in respect of the rest of the system.

(c) A system of income distribution statistics supplementary to the systems of national accounts and balances

This (E/CN.3/348) will be a report of the second session of the Expert Group on the Extension and Revision of the SNA on the character and concepts of income distribution statistics and the relation of these statistics to the systems of national accounts and balances.

(d) Progress in relating the System of National Accounts and the Material Products System

This (E/CN.3/349) will be a report on progress in increasing the common ground between the two systems in respect of classifications, concepts and definitions and in relating the systems to each other.

4. 1970 World Population and Housing Census Programmes

(a) Report of the Expert Group to Review the Draft Recommendations for the 1970 Population and Housing Censuses

The Expert Group was convened in accordance with Commission resolution 13 (XIII). The report of its meeting (E/CN.3/344) will be presented for the information of the Commission.

(b) Draft principles and recommendations for the 1970 population censuses

The "Principles and Recommendations for a Population Census: Recommendations for the 1970 Censuses" will be presented for the approval of the Commission (E/CN.3/342). This is a revision of E/CN.3/330, based on a synthesis of all the advice received by the Secretary-General following the action taken in accordance with Commission resolution 13 (XIII).

(c) Draft principles and recommendations for the 1970 housing censuses

The "Principles and Recommendations for a Housing Census: Recommendations for the 1970 Censuses" will be presented for the approval of the Commission (E/CN.3/343). This is a revision of E/CN.3/332, based on a synthesis of all the advice received by the Secretary-General following the action taken in accordance with Commission resolution 13 (XIII).

5. Integrated work programme of international statistics, including areas and problems of co-ordination

(a) Report of the July 1966 inter-agency statistical co-ordination meeting

In accordance with a recommendation of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) that an ad hoc inter-agency meeting of senior statistical officers should take place in the summer of 1966 to consider the subject of co-ordination of the international statistical programme, the Secretary-General invited representatives of the specialized agencies, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the Inter-American Statistical Institute to participate in such a meeting beginning 11 July 1966 in Geneva. The report of this meeting to the ACC, dealing purely with administrative matters relating to co-ordination, will be submitted to the Commission (E/CN.3/350). The substantive decisions and the consensus of the meeting will be included in the document presented under (b) below.

(b) Integrated five-year work programme of international statistics, 1966-1971, including co-ordination

In its resolution 15 (XIII), the Commission requested the Secretary-General to revise and bring up to date an integrated five-year programme of international statistics, extended to the year 1971, and to initiate discussions with each of the principal agencies working in the field of international statistics, with a view to reporting to the Commission at future sessions on the main problems of co-ordination in each subject field. A report (E/CN.3/351) will be presented to the Commission in pursuance of the above resolution. The material will be arranged according to the subject headings agreed to by the agencies consulted. Under each subject heading, the material will be subdivided according to the agency

responsible for the projects described. The final subdivision under each subject heading will be entitled "areas and problems of co-ordination" and will include descriptions of projects to be undertaken jointly by two or more agencies during the period under review, as well as a discussion of the problems of co-ordination which might arise among the various agencies, such as problems of definition, classification, general jurisdiction and division of work. The document will include decisions and the consensus of the inter-agency meeting (described under (a) above) on the co-ordination of substantive matters among the agencies.

(c) Relationship between the recommendations for the 1970 population and housing censuses and those for the 1970 agricultural censuses

A document (E/CN.3/352), prepared jointly by the Statistical Office of the United Nations and the Statistics Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization, will describe the relationship between population and agricultural censuses, including the relationship between the recommendations for the 1970 censuses in each field.

(d) Progress report on the International Trade Statistics Centre and on the elimination of duplicate requests to Governments for external trade statistics

This (E/CN.3/353) will be an account of the progress of the Centre since the thirteenth session of the Commission. The current status of (a) reporting by Governments, (b) capabilities of the new computer system IBM 7044 and 1401 installed at United Nations Headquarters in November 1965, (c) dissemination of the data and (d) special processing of data by computer at cost to meet the needs of Governments, international organizations, academic institutions and private firms will be described. Developments in the elimination of duplicate requests to Governments for external trade statistics will be reported.

6. Control and limitation of documentation

There will be a report (E/CN.3/L.67) on documentation, as required by resolution 1272 (XIII) of the General Assembly.

7. Other business

The Commission may wish to discuss miscellaneous matters not covered under any other item of the agenda.

At its thirteenth session, the Commission recommended that data on large economic classes of commodities of imports and exports distinguishing food, industrial supplies, capital equipment, consumer non-durables and consumer durables should be compiled for each reporting country and for the world and principal regions. To implement this recommendation, it is essential to define the class mentioned above precisely in terms of the items of the Standard International Trade Classification. This will be done in a document (E/CN.3/341) entitled "Classification by Broad Economic Categories" in which criteria governing the classification are also discussed. The Commission may wish to consider the document under this agenda item.

8. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the fourteenth session

The report of the Commission on its fourteenth session will be prepared by the rapporteur, with the assistance of the Secretariat. If necessary, a separate document on the financial implications of the Commission's recommendations will be prepared by the Secretary-General.
