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PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES AND PLANNING

Proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1986-1987 and revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its twenty-third session, the Statistical Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on the proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1986-1987 and related information, as well as the revisions made to chapter 22 of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989. 1/
2. The note by the Secretary-General will contain: (a) the proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1986-1987; (b) proposals on priorities for the work programme; (c) indicative figures on the number of Professional staff assigned to each programme element; (d) commitments made by the Statistical Office in relation to the work programme for 1986-1987; (e) changes made to the work programme for 1984-1985 as a result of the review process that took place after the twenty-second session of the Statistical Commission; and (f) the revisions made to chapter 22 of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989. At its twenty-second session, the Commission had stressed that information on the number of Professional staff assigned to each programme element was essential for the proper review of the work programme and priorities of the Statistical Office. 2/
3. The proposed work programme of the Statistical Office for 1986-1987 is tentative, since it 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

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the relevant submissions for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 and of the Secretary-General's decision on the proposed programme budget as a whole which is to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fortieth session for its consideration and approval. The work programme for 1986-1987 is based on the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 which was reviewed by the Statistical Commission at its twenty-first session.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

4. The Commission may wish to comment on the proposed work programme and proposed priorities of the Statistical Office for 1986-1987.

Notes

1/ The note by the Secretary-General will be circulated as a conference room paper.

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 2 (E/1983/12 and Corr.1), para. 116.
