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INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

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The Committee will wish to have the following expressions of opinion by the Commissions which have met since the end of the fifth session of the Council.

Population Commission

The report of the Population Commission includes the following passage:

"At its present session the Commission has discussed in considerable detail the plans of work covered by the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council, 29 March 1947 (document E/437, 42 (IV)). The actual implementation of these plans will take some time and the Commission does not believe it would be profitable to meet again until substantial progress has been made in the work and until the relevant documentary material requested in this report has been prepared by the Secretary-General and circulated to the members of the Commission.

The Commission prefers, therefore, that the next session should not be held earlier than June 1948. The Population Commission realizes, however, that it may be necessary to hold its session earlier, in order to fit in with the overall schedule of meetings of the United Nations." In taking this action the Commission understood that a meeting in June would, in view of the operation of the six-weeks rule, not allow the presentation of their report to the session of the Council commencing on 12 July 1948.

Although no formal resolution was passed on the subject, a number of members of the Commission expressed a preference for a meeting in Europe. Statistical Commission

No formal resolutions were passed on this subject.

It was felt however that, as had been foreseen in the debates on this subject in the Rules of Procedure Committee in the Council, a second meeting of the Sub-Commission on Statistical Sampling might be required in the autumn of 1948. It was also felt that the first meeting of this Sub-Commission might commence on the 12th of April more conveniently than on the 22nd of March as scheduled in E/C.4/1, in order to reduce the interval

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between the meetings of the Sub-Commission and the main Commission. Social Commission

The Social Commission has set up a Committee on Planning and Co-ordination, which it desires should meet for 14 days before the next meeting of the Social Commission. It is proposed that this meeting might be held commencing on 8 March at Lake Success.