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GUIDES FOR ORGANIZATION AND COLLECTION OF ECONOMIC DATA IN UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its
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(adopted on the report of the Second Committee (A/1627))

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 290 (XI) of
15 August 1950, inter alia,

- (a) Recommended that Governments should furnish the Secretary-General with a wide range of economic and statistical information relating to the implementation of that resolution,
- (b) Stated that "Having regard to the fact that, in some predominantly agricultural countries, figures for unemployment and under-employment may not be easily ascertainable and full employment goals may, if related only to industrial labour, lead to misleading conclusions, and that, consequently, it may not be possible for such countries to implement certain provisions of this resolution",
- (c) Invited the International Labour Organisation to take all feasible further steps towards the practical implementation of the recommendations of the Sixth International Conference of Labour Statisticians in order to facilitate international comparability of employment and unemployment data with special reference to their use in the formulation of full employment standards and annual employment goals, policies and programmes,

Being aware that the Economic and Social Council, in part E of the above-mentioned resolution, recommended that the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies should provide, within their capacities, technical assistance

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to Governments, on their request, for the purpose of assisting under-developed countries in this respect,

Recommends that the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies, taking into account the different institutional circumstances in the under-developed countries, prepare material which may serve to guide Governments wishing to make use thereof and which should set forth:

- (a) The types of data considered necessary to provide up-to-date information regarding the level of economic activity, employment, unemployment and under-employment;
- (b) Procedures and methods suitable for obtaining and presenting such data;
- (c) Other suggestions relating to the organization of adequate government machinery necessary for obtaining the said data.
