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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRD MEETING

Held at Lake Success, New York, on Tuesday, 28 January 1947  
at 1:10 p.m.

Present:

Chairman:	Mr. H. Marshall	(Canada)
	Mr. G. Darmois	(France)
	Mr. P.J. Idenburg	(Netherlands)
	Mr. R.G.D. Allen	(United Kingdom)
	Mr. I.S. Malyshev	(U.S.S.R.)
	Mr. S.A. Rice	(United States)

Mr. Erichsen was present as observer for Mr. G. Jahn  
of Norway.

Representatives of Specialized Agencies

Mr. R.M. Woodbury	(ILO)
Mr. C. Taeuber	(FAO)
Mr. S.V. Arnaldo	(UNESCO)
Mr. E. Hicks	(International Monetary Fund)

Non-Governmental Organizations

	Mr. L. Teper	(A.F. of L.)
Secretariat:	Mr. H. Campion	(Representing the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs)
	Mr. W.J. Bruce	(Secretary to Commission)
	Mr. Perez Guerrero	

Consideration of Relations with Non-Governmental Organizations

The Chairman was asked to explain the status and eligibility for  
consultation with the Commissions of Economic and Social Council of such  
organizations as the Inter-American Statistical Institute. In

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particular he was asked whether the Statistical Commission was debarred from discussing the relations of the International Statistical Institute and the Inter-American Institute with the United Nations. Mr. Perez Guerrero, answering for the Secretariat said that the Economic and Social Council was still deliberating on the status of these organizations. Under Article 71 of the Charter the Economic and Social Council had established a Committee to recommend regarding the scope of consultative arrangements which three categories of non-governmental organizations might obtain. Until this Committee had completed its negotiations it would be advisable that the Statistical Commission should not take any decisions which would prejudice the final decision of the Economic and Social Council regarding the status of any of the non-governmental organizations. This circumstance would not preclude the Statistical Commission from discussing the relationships it would like to see established between the Economic and Social Council and non-governmental organizations, particularly those relating to statistical activities.

The Economic and Social Council in its resolution of 21 June 1946 (E/76/Rev.1, paragraph 4) charged the Statistical Commission with the responsibility "to formulate recommendations concerning the methods by which the activities of quasi-governmental and non-governmental statistical organizations might be related to those of the United Nations in fostering international co-operation in the improvement of statistics". The Commission agreed that under the direction of the Economic and Social Council it should now formulate recommendations in general terms rather than consider the relations with specific organizations. After a discussion of the activities of official international agencies in contrast with those of international professional societies it was agreed that Mr. S. A. Rice should prepare a memorandum for the Commission. It should contain suggestions which the Commission might make to the quasi-governmental and non-governmental international statistical organizations

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regarding the role they might assume in relation to the United Nations. The position of the official international statistical agencies should be outlined and also the kind of professional advice that the agencies might seek from the non-governmental organizations.

Reference was made to the different status of organizations of a semi-governmental character. Since the relations with the Inter-American Statistical Institute have not yet been worked out, it was requested that the Secretariat discuss with representatives of that organization the manner in which consultative arrangements might best be established. In this connection the Commission was referred to document E/43/Rev.2 in which the Economic and Social Council set forth the principles dealing with consultative arrangements. It was further emphasized that the benefits of such arrangements should be reciprocal.

#### Consideration of Relations with the Population Commission

Several proposals were made regarding the election of a representative of the Commission to the Population Commission. It was decided to postpone the appointment of such a representative.

An attempt was made to define the spheres of the two Commissions in the field of population. It was emphasized that a policy of collaboration rather than sharp delineation of functions should be followed.

#### Proposed 1950 Census of the Americas

In order to have the opportunity to hear Mr. H. Dunn and Mr. C. Dedrick present the proposal for a 1950 Census of the Americas, it was agreed to postpone consideration of this item until Thursday.

The meeting rose at 4:20 p.m.

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