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STATISTICAL COMMISSION

AN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR EDUCATION  
IN STATISTICS

(Addendum Submitted by the Delegation of the United States,  
in Connection with Item 14 of the Agenda)

The United States is thoroughly in accord with the purposes and objectives of the project envisaged in the communication submitted to the Statistical Commission by the International Statistical Institute through its President. It therefore ~~requests that~~ this communication receive the full consideration of the Commission under Item 14 of its Agenda.

The United States feels ~~that~~ while there is no question concerning the desirability of and the need for an international programme for education in statistics, the direct subsidy of such a project from United Nations funds might establish an unfortunate precedent. Since the proposed project is both educational and scientific in character it would appear to be more appropriate to place it under the direct auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It would be desirable, however, for the Statistical Commission and the statistical offices of the United Nations and of the interested Specialized Agencies to be drawn upon for advice in its formulation and execution. It is also believed that the International Statistical Institute is the appropriate organization to formulate the comprehensive and detailed plan required to initiate and carry out the project.

The United States therefore proposes that the Statistical Commission in its report to the Economic and Social Council recommend that the Council adopt the following resolution:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

Recognizing that a world-wide shortage of adequately educated statisticians is impeding the development of statistics throughout the world and is adversely affecting the ability of many national governments to supply information to the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies, and other inter-governmental  
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organizations, required by them to further the economic and social objectives of the United Nations Charter; and

Believing that an international programme for education in statistics should be formulated and implemented as soon as possible;

RECOMMENDS

- (i) That the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization sponsor and support an international programme for education in statistics with the collaboration of the International Statistical Institute;
  - (ii) That such a programme be formulated and organized in general conformity with the communication on this subject addressed to the United Nations Statistical Commission by the Institute through its President (E/CN.3/43);
  - (iii) That the advice of the United Nations Statistical Commission and of the statistical offices of the United Nations and of the appropriate Specialized Agencies be utilized in the formulation and execution of the programme; and
  - (iv) That the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Statistical Institute take the necessary steps to reach an early agreement among themselves and the other organizations concerned so that the programme may be implemented as soon as possible.
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