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**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON  
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION**

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE RESOLUTIONS  
OF THE COMMISSION**

- (v) Commission resolution 145(XIII) on the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people under occupation

1. In its resolution 145(XIII), on the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people under occupation, the Commission requested the secretariat to continue its efforts in implementation of Commission resolution 139(XII) of 24 April 1985. In that resolution, the Commission called upon the Executive Secretary to ensure that all available data and information relating to the occupied Palestinian territories are included in all studies and statistical abstracts issued by the Commission at the regional level and to include in the programme of work and priorities for the period 1986-1987 studies, in co-operation with the concerned Arab and international organizations, on economic and social conditions in the occupied Palestinian territories.

2. The occupied territories are covered in the following publications:

(a) Statistical Abstract of the Region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;

(b) Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region;

(c) Agriculture and Development in Western Asia.

3. In the same connection, the following studies were undertaken in 1986:

(a) "Vocational education in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip" (in co-operation with the Arab Labour Organization/Arab Employment Institution;

(b) "The development of financial structures and activities in the occupied Palestinian territories" (in co-operation with UNCTAD);

(c) "The marketing of agricultural produce in the occupied Palestinian territories".

4. At the request of the Central Statistical Office of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Commission also participated in a household income and expenditure survey in Palestinian refugee camps in the Syrian Arab Republic.