

Resources, established under paragraph 3 of the above resolution.

The Ad Hoc Committee will be composed of the following Member States: ALGERIA, BULGARIA, CAMEROON, CANADA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, GUATEMALA, INDIA, IRAQ, ITALY, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SIERRA LEONE, TOGO, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA.

1214 (XLII). Statistical co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the proposal to establish an interagency co-ordinating committee on statistical activities under the auspices of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,¹⁴

Taking account of the principle by which each agency of the United Nations family specializes in the fields of statistics appropriate to its functions,

Recognizing that certain world statistical standards have relevance beyond the specialized fields in which they originate and that it is therefore desirable—for technical statistical reasons or in order to extend the application of those standards to a wider range of economic and social analysis, both nationally and internationally—that they should be reviewed by the Statistical Commission prior to their recognition as world standards,

Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies, to prepare a report for consideration by the proposed interagency co-ordinating committee on statistical activities, and thereafter by the Statistical Commission at its fifteenth session, on the important interrelated fields of statistics for which world standards are desirable and on the practical methods by which the Statistical Commission could review and make recommendations on proposed statistical standards in these interrelated fields prior to their recognition as world standards.

*1473rd plenary meeting,
1 June 1967.*

1215 (XLII). Principles and recommendations for the 1970 population and housing censuses

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its fourteenth session¹⁵ and the adoption by the Commission of principles and recommendations for population censuses and housing censuses to be taken around 1970,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on the United Nations Develop-

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/4283), paras. 7-13.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (E/4283).

ment Decade, which requested the Secretary-General to develop proposals for the intensification of action in the fields of economic and social development with particular reference to the need to review facilities for the collection, collation, analysis and dissemination of statistical and other information required for charting economic and social development and for providing a constant measurement of progress towards the objectives of the Decade,

Recognizing the important role of population censuses and housing censuses as primary sources of basic national data for achieving the above-mentioned purposes,

Further recalling its resolution 1054 B (XXXIX) of 16 July 1965, which requested the Secretary-General to proceed with the development of 1970 world population and housing census programmes and recommended that Member States undertake to carry out population and housing censuses during the period 1965-1974 and that they take into account the international recommendations in order that the censuses might meet national requirements and facilitate the study of population and housing problems on a world-wide basis,

1. *Requests the Secretary-General to publish his reports entitled "Principles and Recommendations for a Population Census"¹⁶ and "Principles and Recommendations for a Housing Census",¹⁷ as modified, and to distribute copies to States Members of the United Nations, to States members of the specialized agencies, to appropriate regional bodies and to specialized agencies;*

2. *Further requests the Secretary-General to give assistance to Governments in the implementation of these principles and recommendations by mobilizing all available resources to help in the very large task of meeting the needs of countries in this area, and by the revision of the Handbook of Population Census Methods, the preparation of a handbook of housing census methods, the preparation of a technical manual on methods of evaluating population and housing census results, and the provision of technical advice and fellowships under the United Nations Development Programme.*

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1242 (XLII). Report of the Statistical Commission

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the report of the Statistical Commission on its fourteenth session.¹⁸

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¹⁶ E/CN.3/342.

¹⁷ E/CN.3/343.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/4283).*