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### JOSEPH DUNCAN (UNITED STATES) ELECTED STATISTICAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Joseph W. Duncan, elected this morning as Chairman of the United Nations Statistical Commission, is Director of the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards of the United States Department of Commerce.

From 1974 to 1977, prior to assuming his present post, he was Deputy Associate Director for Statistical Policy of the United States Office of Management and Budget and, from 1969 to 1973, he was Director of Urban Studies and Corporate Co-ordinator of Urban Affairs for the Battelle Memorial Institute.

Mr. Duncan received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Ohio State University in 1970; a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University in 1960; and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Case Institute of Technology in 1958. In addition, he attended a Special Programme at the London School of Economics and Political Science from 1960 to 1961.

He joined the Battelle Memorial Institute in 1961 as Chief for Regional Manpower and Economics and, from 1968 to 1969, worked at the United States Department of Commerce as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy Review.

Born on 2 December 1936 in Cambridge, Ohio, Mr. Duncan is married and has two sons.

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