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Revised estimates resulting from decisions of the Economic and Social
Council at its first and second regular sessions, 1979: Part II

Report of the Secretary-General

1. By resolution 1979/69 of 2 August 1979, entitled "Control and limitation of documentation", the Council decided to discontinue, for an experimental period of two years, the provision of summary records for certain subsidiary bodies of the Council, as listed below:

Commission on Human Rights
Commission for Social Development
Commission on the Status of Women
Commission on Narcotic Drugs
Economic Commission for Europe
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Economic Commission for Latin America
Economic Commission for Africa
Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Committee on Natural Resources
Committee for Programme and Co-ordination
Committee on Science and Technology for Development
Committee on Review and Appraisal
Commission on Transnational Corporations
Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

2. According to the conference workload statistics compiled at Headquarters and the United Nations Office at Geneva, summary records were actually provided for a total of 106 meetings with respect to these subsidiary bodies of the Council during 1978, of which 84 meetings were serviced by Conference Services, Geneva, and the remaining 22 by the Department of Conference Services in New York.

3. The production of summary records for these meetings at Headquarters and Geneva of the bodies mentioned in paragraph 1 above involved a total of

350 work-days in précis-writing, 651 work-days in translation/revision and 995 work-days in typing. The related costs are estimated on a full cost basis, at approximately \$350,000 per year.

4. These potential savings which might arise from resolution 1979/69 will be taken into account in the context of the consolidated statement on conference servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly at the end of the thirty-fourth session, at which time the initial estimates for conference servicing requirements under section 29 as they relate to the year 1980 will be reviewed in the light of various decisions taken during the current session of the General Assembly.

5. Furthermore, the Council decided to discontinue the provision of summary records for the regional commissions. In view of the fact that the practice in the past few years has been to provide summary records to the sessions of the commissions on an exceptional basis only, and at the specific request of delegations, it is estimated that no significant saving will result from the implementation of the resolution as far as the regional commissions are concerned.
