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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

Annual Report to the Economic and Social Council  
covering the period from 30 April 1974 to 24 April 1975

INTRODUCTION

1. The present Annual Report of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), which covers the period 30 April 1974 to 24 April 1975 inclusive, was adopted unanimously by the Commission at the eleventh meeting of its thirtieth session on 24 April 1975. It is presented to the Economic and Social Council for consideration at its fifty-ninth session in accordance with paragraph 6. of the Commission's terms of reference, which states: "The Commission shall submit to the Council a full report on its activities and plans, including those of any subsidiary bodies, once a year ...". 1/

PART I

MATTERS THAT REQUIRE ACTION BY, OR ARE BROUGHT  
TO THE ATTENTION OF, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

2. At its eleventh meeting held on 24 April 1975, the Commission approved the following draft decision for submission to the Economic and Social Council for action:

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the Annual Report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 30 April 1974 to 24 April 1975, of the views expressed during the discussion in the Commission, and of the resolutions and other decisions adopted by the Commission at its thirtieth session contained in Part IV of that report;
2. Decides to endorse the programme of work and priorities contained in Parts V and VI of the report.

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1/ For the Report of the twenty-ninth session, see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, fifty-seventh session, Supplement No.6 (E/5470); the footnote to paragraph 1 of that Report contains a complete list of all the previous Reports of the Commission to the Economic and Social Council.

## PART II

### WORK OF THE COMMISSION SINCE THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION

#### A. Activities of subsidiary bodies

3. The list of meetings of the Commission's subsidiary bodies held in 1974/75 can be found in Annex I of this Report. It contains the dates of the meetings, the names of the officers and the symbols of the reports adopted. These reports give a full account of discussions held and record the agreements reached and decisions taken. The reports of the Commission's Principal Subsidiary Bodies contain in addition the short- and long-term programmes of work adopted by these Bodies; these programmes have been incorporated in the Commission's programme of work and priorities for 1975/76 and its long-term programme of work and priorities for 1976-80 pursuant to operative paragraph 4 (b) of Commission resolution 5 (XXIV) (see Parts V and VI of this Report).

#### B. Other activities

4. Pursuant to the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Commission the Executive Secretary has submitted to the thirtieth session a number of reports on the work done on projects included in category 01. of the Commission's programmes of work, i.e. those carried out under the direct authority of the Commission itself. A list of these reports and an appropriate reference to the symbols of the relevant documents can be found under items 4 and 5 of the Commission's agenda (see Part III, B, below).

5. During the period under review the secretariat serviced the session of the Commission, the meetings of its subsidiary bodies as well as special meetings held under ECE auspices. The publication of periodic surveys and reviews, including the annual Economic Survey of Europe, the Economic Bulletin for Europe, and a series of specialized statistical bulletins, covering general energy, coal, electric power, gas, housing and building, steel, engineering, chemicals, timber and transport, as well as the issuance of monthly and weekly statistical indicators of short-term economic changes in ECE countries, was continued. A description of the work being carried out by the secretariat on behalf of and on the authority of the Commission is contained in the programme of work and priorities for 1975/76 and the long-term programme of work and priorities for 1976-80 (see Parts V and VI of this Report). The secretariat of the Commission maintained close and regular liaison with the secretariat at United Nations Headquarters and co-operated with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, as well as with other units of the United Nations Secretariat, on projects of common interest.

#### C. Co-operation with other international organizations

6. In a Note submitted to the thirtieth session (E/ECE/879) the Executive Secretary described the co-operation of the Commission and its secretariat with United Nations specialized agencies and other international organizations as well as with their secretariats.



PART III

THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

A. Attendance and organization of work

7. The thirtieth session of the Commission was held from 15 to 24 April 1975. At the opening of the session on 15 April 1975, the Commission heard statements by the outgoing Chairman, Mr. Miloslav Hruza, by the Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva, Mr. V. Winspeare Guicciardi, who conveyed a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and the opening statement by the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Janez Stanovnik.

8. The thirtieth session was attended by representatives from Albania; Austria; Belgium; Bulgaria; Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic; Canada; Cyprus; Czechoslovakia; Denmark; Finland; France; German Democratic Republic; Germany, Federal Republic of; Greece; Hungary; Iceland; Ireland; Italy; Malta; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Yugoslavia.

9. A representative of San Marino participated under article 8 of the Commission's terms of reference (see also paragraph 256 below).

10. Representatives of Argentina, Israel and Japan participated under article 11 of the Commission's terms of reference.

11. Representatives of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and of the following specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations were in attendance: International Labour Organisation (ILO); Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); World Health Organization (WHO); International Monetary Fund (IMF); World Meteorological Organization (WMO); International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT); the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA); and the European Economic Community (see paragraph 257 below).

12. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: International Chamber of Commerce; World Federation of Trade Unions; International Bar Association; International Law Association; International Organization for Standardization; and International Electrotechnical Commission.

13. At its first meeting, the Commission unanimously elected Mr. Jens Boyesen (Norway) Chairman, and Mr. Gerhard Hahn (German Democratic Republic) Vice-Chairman, of the Commission.

14. The Commission unanimously elected Mr. Ernő Hars (Hungary) Chairman of the Sessional Committee, and Mr. Rudolf Martins (Austria) Vice-Chairman of the Sessional Committee.

15. Mr. P. Kiewitt (Federal Republic of Germany) and Mr. V. Zvezdine (USSR) were appointed Rapporteurs.

16. The newly elected Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Jens Boyesen, read out to the Commission the text of a statement, agreed among delegations, as follows:

"The thirtieth session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe is taking place at a date which coincides with the thirtieth anniversary of the end of World War II, that most devastating and bloody war in the history of mankind.

The victory of the peoples of the anti-Hitler coalition achieved at the cost of millions of human lives, gave rise to the founding of the United Nations Organization and to the adoption of its Charter whose general democratic principles, including those governing economic and social co-operation, constitute the basis for the establishment of peaceful and equitable relations among States for the strengthening of international peace and security, and for the promotion of social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

As a consequence the Economic Commission for Europe was set up to facilitate the economic reconstruction of Europe, to raise the level of economic activity in Europe and to promote the development of economic relations both among the European countries and between these countries and other countries of the world.

It is gratifying to note that as a result of a thirty-year period of peace, great economic and social changes and progress have been achieved in Europe and that the Economic Commission for Europe, as a forum of States having different social and political systems, has significantly contributed thereto.

Accordingly, it is appropriate and timely to pay tribute to the memory of those who sacrificed their lives in the struggle for freedom, democracy and peace in the world.

The ECE member States have occasion and feel obliged to intensify their efforts to strengthen peace and to create further opportunities for economic and social progress in the interest of prosperity and happiness for the peoples. They will thus ensure that the Economic Commission for Europe will continue to contribute to developing and strengthening international co-operation in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations."

17. The Commission decided to pass to the Sessional Committee, in addition to agenda item 4(c) - Work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission, the following agenda items for preliminary consideration:

5(c) - Energy problems in the ECE region (Commission decision E(XXIX))

5(d) - Standardization (Commission decision F(XXIX))

5(e) - Automation (Commission decision G(XXIX))

- 5(f) - Engineering industries (Commission decision H(XXIX))
- 5(g) - Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE Region (Commission decision I(XXIX))
- 6 - Programme of Work and Priorities for 1975/76 and Long-Term Programme of Work and Priorities for 1976-1980.

18. The Sessional Committee met from 15 to 22 April 1975.

19. The account of consideration by the Sessional Committee of item 4(c) can be found in paragraphs 50 to 169 below. The account of the discussions on those items which had been assigned to the Sessional Committee for preliminary consideration as referred to in paragraph 17 above, are contained in paragraphs 199-242 below. For the recommendations of the Sessional Committee to the Plenary and the action taken by the Commission on these recommendations, see paragraphs 243 to 247 below.

B. Agenda

20. The Commission had before it the provisional agenda (E/ECE/873). At its first meeting the Commission adopted this agenda which reads as follows:

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda E/ECE/873
- 2. Election of Officers
- 3. Review of the economic situation in Europe
- 4. Work of the Commission as a whole, including:
  - (a) The Commission's activities and implementation of priorities (Commission resolutions 2(XXV) and 2(XXIX)) E/ECE/874
  - (b) The future activities of the Commission (Commission resolution 1(XXIX)) E/ECE/875

- (c) Work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission 1/
  - (d) Resolutions bearing on the work of the Commission adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly E/ECE/876
    - (i) Resolutions concerning the establishment of a New International Economic Order
    - (ii) Other resolutions
  - (e) Commission's contribution to the United Nations programmes designed to assist less-developed countries E/ECE/877  
E/ECE/878
  - (f) Co-operation with other international organizations E/ECE/879
5. Follow-up action on the relevant Commission resolutions and decisions:
- (a) Development of trade (Commission decision C(XXIX)) E/ECE/880  
ECE/TRADE/121
  - (b) Industrial co-operation (Commission decision D(XXIX)) E/ECE/881
  - (c) Energy problems in the ECE region (Commission decision E(XXIX)) E/ECE/882  
and Add.1 and 2  
E/ECE/883  
and Add.1
  - (d) Standardization (Commission decision F(XXIX)) E/ECE/884
  - (e) Automation (Commission decision G(XXIX)) E/ECE/885

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1/ Under this agenda sub-item, the Commission had before it the following documentation:

Committee on Agricultural Problems	ECE/AGRI/11
Chemical Industry Committee	ECE/CHEM/7
Coal Committee	ECE/COAL/8
Conference of European Statisticians	ECE/CES/4
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems	ECE/ENV/10
Committee on Electric Power	ECE/EP/11
Committee on Gas	ECE/GAS/16
Committee on Housing, Building and Planning	ECE/HBP/11
Inland Transport Committee	ECE/TRANS/11
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology	ECE/SC.TECH/6
Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments	ECE/EC.AD/10
Steel Committee	ECE/STEEL/8
Timber Committee	ECE/TIM/5
Committee on Water Problems	ECE/WATER/10

- (f) Engineering industries (Commission decision H(XXIX)) E/ECE/886
- (g) Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE Region (Commission decision I(XXIX)) E/ECE/887
6. Programme of work and priorities for 1975/76 and long-term programme of work and priorities for 1976-1980 E/ECE/888 and Add.1 and 2
7. Other business
8. Annual Report of the Commission to the Economic and Social Council

C. Account of Proceedings

Review of the economic situation in Europe

(Agenda item 3)

21. For the discussion of this item the Commission had before it as a background document the pre-publication text of the Economic Survey of Europe in 1974 (ECE(XXX)/1). The discussion was introduced by the Director of the General Economic Analysis Division, who referred to major economic policy problems confronting Governments of the ECE region.

22. Delegates described economic developments in their respective countries and presented their Governments' assessments of the economic situation in the region. Some delegations also referred to economic problems confronting the world as a whole or involving the relations between countries of the ECE region and those in other regions.

23. A number of delegations pointed out the serious economic difficulties which were experienced by market economy countries: decline of production, growth of unemployment, high rates of inflation, increased expenditures for import of oil and many other kinds of primary products, deficiencies of balances of payments. Some delegations stated that market economy countries were now in the most serious economic situation since the end of the Second World War. It was pointed out during the discussion that the economic policies of market economy countries were aimed first of all at restraining inflation and improving their balances of payments while at the same time avoiding recession and maintaining high levels of employment. Some delegations considered that such measures had a negative influence on the levels of production and employment. They underlined the increase in protective measures in the external economic policies of market economy countries, while some other delegations stressed the active part they were taking in international efforts to preserve world trade from protectionist restrictions. In this connexion the extension of international co-operation for the solution of modern economic problems, especially within the framework of ECE, was regarded as useful.

24. The delegations of east European countries pointed to their steady and high economic growth as being typical for their countries and to the successful accomplishments of plans of national economy, to the further improvement of material and cultural standards of life of population. At the same time they indicated that

the current state of the world market influenced to a certain extent the external economic relations of the socialist countries and raised some problems for these countries requiring the adoption of appropriate measures. Some of them drew attention to the damage which they suffered from protective measures of market economy countries directed at limiting the imports of a number of commodities.

25. Some other delegations referred to the interdependence existing between the economies both within the ECE region as well as between the different regions of the world. They stated that structural adaptations to meet new requirements were taking place in their economies. Although some limited safeguards had been introduced in order to avoid difficulties in certain areas, there had been an appreciable increase in east-west trade. The problems experienced by their trading partners were to some extent due to the lack of flexibility to adapt themselves to new market situations. Some delegations stated that the economic measures which had been introduced by their Governments in order to stabilize the economic situation were beginning to show results, and that they therefore considered that there were prospects for resumed growth.

26. In the course of the discussion emphasis was placed on the needs and opportunities for further economic expansion and the rational use of resources. It was pointed out that under present conditions special efforts should be made by ECE Governments to promote international trade and international economic co-operation.

Work of the Commission as a whole<sup>1/</sup>

(Agenda item 4)

27. The Commission considered this agenda item in the Plenary together with agenda sub-items 4(a), (b), (d), (e) and (f) dealing respectively with the Commission's activities and implementation of priorities, the future activities of the Commission, resolutions bearing on the work of the Commission adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, the Commission's contribution to the United Nations programmes designed to assist less-developed countries, and co-operation with other international organizations. Agenda sub-item 4(c) - Work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission - was referred to the Sessional Committee for consideration (see paragraph 17 above).

28. The Commission had before it the following documentation:

- (i) for agenda sub-item 4(a): the Executive Secretary's Report E/ECE/874;
- (ii) for agenda sub-item 4(b): the Executive Secretary's Report E/ECE/875;
- (iii) for agenda sub-item 4(d): the Executive Secretary's Note E/ECE/876;

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<sup>1/</sup> See E/ECE(XXX)/SR.2 to 5 and 10.

- (iv) for agenda sub-item 4(e): the Executive Secretary's Note E/ECE/877 together with an information note (E/ECE/878) prepared by the UNDP secretariat on the activities of the United Nations Development Programme in Europe in 1974; and
- (v) for agenda sub-item 4(f): the Executive Secretary's Note E/ECE/879.

The Commission's activities and implementation of priorities

and

The future activities of the Commission

(Agenda items 4(a) and (b))

29. The Commission had before it the Executive Secretary's Annual Report on the Commission's activities and implementation of priorities (E/ECE/874) which was prepared pursuant to Commission resolution 2(XXV) and which took into account the relevant provisions of Commission resolution 2(XXIX). In this report the Executive Secretary reviewed the activities of the Commission and its Principal Subsidiary Bodies over the past year and gave an account of the action taken during 1974 by the Principal Subsidiary Bodies and by the secretariat in respect of concentration and integration of the Commission's programme of work and priorities, pursuant to operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of Commission resolution 2(XXIX). The Commission also had before it the Executive Secretary's Report on the future activities of the Commission (E/ECE/875) prepared pursuant to Commission resolution 1(XXIX). In this report, the Executive Secretary indicated certain broad guidelines and approaches which might be followed by the Commission in its future work.

30. In their statements under this item delegations described the context in which this session of the Commission was taking place as one of continued détente, closer economic co-operation among the countries of the region with different economic and social systems, and expectation of a successful conclusion of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE). The belief was expressed in many interventions that the Conference would make an important contribution to détente and to closer co-operation among all the countries of the region, in particular in the framework of ECE. It was pointed out that while improvement of the political climate in Europe created favourable conditions for economic co-operation, the development of such co-operation in its turn contributed to the further deepening and consolidation of détente. References were also made to the serious economic problems facing the region and the world as a whole and to the important international conferences convened under the auspices of the United Nations over the past year to deal with some of these problems.

31. Delegations stressed the importance attached by their Governments to the role of the Economic Commission for Europe, which as a body composed of countries with different political, economic and social systems, could make an increasing contribution to the further expansion of economic and technological east-west co-operation.

32. The Executive Secretary's report (E/ECE/875) prepared pursuant to Commission resolution 1(XXIX) was commented upon favourably by delegations taking part in the discussion. Appreciation was expressed of the analysis and suggestions it contained, including the broad guidelines and approaches some of which the Commission including Principal Subsidiary Bodies might follow in re-shaping its future programmes. In this connexion, delegations also referred to the suggestions made by the Executive Secretary in his opening statement concerning the follow-up by the Commission to this report especially regarding the review by the Principal Subsidiary Bodies - in the light of comments made at the thirtieth session and taking into account the relevant results of the CSCE - of possible adaptations of their future programmes of work.

33. Many delegations referred to the role the Commission may be called upon to play, within the limits of its competence, in the follow-up of the relevant decisions of the CSCE. Some delegations pointed out that pending the conclusion of the Conference, the four priority areas which were defined at the twenty-fourth session, in 1969, could continue to provide the general framework within which the Commission and its subsidiary bodies would perform the tasks required of them.

34. It was also stated by some delegations that the priorities established were broad enough to cover the present needs for co-operation in the region. A number of delegations felt that, given the fact that seven years had passed since the previous major review, the time had come for a re-examination of activities and methods of work in the light of new circumstances. It was suggested by some delegations that the subsidiary bodies should re-evaluate their activities and assess how their work programmes might be adapted to the new conditions to which the Executive Secretary had referred in this report. A number of delegations stated that it would not be advisable to make any substantial changes in the ECE structure and the long-term programme of its work at the present stage. They added, however, that following conclusion of the CSCE, ECE's methods of work as well as its programmes of work should be reviewed in order to ensure concentration on tasks which are considered by ECE Governments to be of greatest urgency and importance. A number of delegations, while supporting the current work programmes stressed the need to ensure that the Commission's work not be allowed to become too diffuse and over-extended. It was also suggested that any unnecessary duplication of work with other international organizations concerned should be avoided and that adequate co-ordination should be achieved between related activities of the various subsidiary bodies of ECE in this field. One delegation presented in this connexion a working paper (E/ECE(XXX)/L.4).

35. Referring to the Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/874, delegations noted with satisfaction the further efforts made over the past year towards increased concentration and integration of the work programmes of the Commission's subsidiary bodies. The organization of joint meetings and the preparation of synoptic tables - in which it was suggested some further improvements could usefully be introduced - were considered as contributing effectively to co-ordination. It was felt that continued efforts were needed in this direction by the secretariat and by the Governments as well as by the Commission itself.

36. The methods of work of ECE were also the subject of a number of remarks. Several delegations referred to the procedures followed by the Sessional Committee, which in their opinion, could be improved in order to strengthen the Commission's co-ordinating role. The holding of seminars and study tours was considered a useful means of



exchanging experience on certain problems and enabling participants to examine these in depth. The view was expressed that it would be possible to reduce the number of ECE meetings by dispensing with certain preparatory meetings for seminars and symposia. It was also suggested that ad hoc meetings should be convened if necessary to deal with only one particular subject.

37. During the discussion, delegates also expressed views on the work which was being performed by the Commission and its subsidiary bodies and made suggestions regarding possible new tasks which could usefully be undertaken in the ECE.

38. The value of the ECE's work on the promotion of trade and in particular of trade between countries with different economic and social systems was generally emphasized. The progress made in the facilitation of international trade procedures and in the field of marketing and standardization was cited with appreciation. A number of delegations expressed their Governments' views that the basic problems in east-west trade were not given sufficient attention, particularly as regards the removal of trade obstacles and the application of the most favoured nation clause while some other delegations expressed themselves in favour of a pragmatic approach. A number of delegations felt it was advisable and timely that the ECE should devote special attention to the problems connected with intergovernmental co-operation on large-scale and long-term development projects, particularly with respect to energy resources, raw materials and transport. Some delegations welcomed the Executive Secretary's suggestion to involve businessmen in the work of the Committee on the Development of Trade and the decision of that Committee to hold a second meeting of the Group of Experts on Industrial Co-operation as soon as possible after the deliberations of the CSCE had been concluded.

39. The importance of co-operation in science and technology was stressed by many speakers. Several delegations referred to the usefulness of the meetings held under the auspices of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology who had defined the scope of their activities with emphasis on management of co-operative international research, innovation in energy technologies and technological trends in basic industrial materials and natural resources. Reference was also made to the need to promote a wider exchange of ideas and experiences on scientific and technological policies, on the conditions of their elaboration and on the means of their implementation.

40. Delegations participating in the discussion also referred to the ECE's work on the protection of the environment. Several delegations expressed satisfaction at the progress made by the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems in developing a useful work programme. In the opinion of some delegations it would be desirable to develop through the Senior Advisers agreed methods for the inclusion of environmental protection in regional policy and planning as part of general economic planning.

41. Great interest was expressed by delegations in the work being carried out in ECE on long-term planning and projections. The regular and frequent exchange of information on these matters was considered to be of great practical value for the work of Governments. The value and timeliness of the work on an overall economic perspective for the ECE region up to 1990, recently started under the auspices of the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments, was stressed by many delegations. The

belief was expressed that this project could give better orientation and focus to the work of the Senior Economic Advisers and could provide basic information and guidance for Governments and for the subsidiary bodies of the Commission. It was also suggested that this work could be usefully linked to further studies in the field of raw materials and energy. Some delegations stated that more attention should be given to the improvement of methods for long-term planning and forecasting in several variants, and that any concerted planning for industrial co-operation and industrial investment should take into account the flow of migrant workers.

42. In the course of the discussion, a number of delegations referred to the contribution to programmes of assistance to developing countries which ECE could make in response to the relevant requests contained in resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council. It was pointed out that co-operation between the ECE and the other regions of the world should be intensified. The increased interdependence of the various parts of the world economy was cited. It was suggested that while the ECE was a unique forum for economic co-operation among the countries of its own region, its work should not be carried out in isolation from the political and other implications of world development and international economic co-operation. At the same time, delegations expressed their conviction that the progress of détente, the strengthening of economic co-operation and continued stability in the ECE region constituted in themselves a great contribution to the development of the other regions of the globe. In this connexion they felt that the economic co-operation between member countries of the region should take place more explicitly within the global context. A number of suggestions were also presented by some delegations regarding the ways in which a greater contribution could be made by the ECE to the programmes of aid to less-developed countries in Europe (see also paragraphs 170 and 173-178 below).

43. Several delegations referred in their statements under this item to the thirtieth anniversary, in May 1975, of the historic victory over fascism and stated that the victory of the anti-Hitler coalition had led to the founding of the United Nations and, as a consequence, to the establishment of ECE aimed at promoting mutually beneficial co-operation among the European States. They expressed their hope that this occasion should induce ECE Governments to strengthen their efforts to solve international problems in a spirit of mutual understanding on the basis of the principles of peaceful coexistence and co-operation. In this connexion the importance of promoting the achievement of general and complete disarmament was stressed by some delegations.

44. Satisfaction was expressed by many delegations over the admission of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance and of the European Economic Community to participate in the work of the Commission under article 12 of the ECE's terms of reference. The hope was expressed that the useful working contacts which had been maintained in the past would give rise to a still closer co-operation between the Commission and these two organizations (see also paragraph 257 below).

45. The representative of Ireland, speaking on behalf of the European Economic Community, pointed out that the States members of the Community had, by sovereign decisions, transferred competence in certain matters to the Community institutions and that that transfer of competence could not be called into question.

46. The Spanish delegation stated that, as it had already had occasion to point out, the problem of the effect that economic measures taken by member countries to meet special situations would have on migrant workers and their countries of origin was extremely important. It noted that, in the opinion of certain delegations, the appropriate time had not yet come to bring that question before the Commission, but announced its intention of doing so during the thirty-first session.

47. A draft resolution on the work of the Commission as a whole, submitted by the Chairman of the Commission, was adopted unanimously by the Commission at its eleventh meeting. (For the text see Part IV, resolution 1 (XXX)).

48. A draft resolution on the future activities of the Commission was submitted by the Chairman of the Commission. It was adopted by the Commission at its eleventh meeting, with reservations by the delegation of Albania. (For the text see Part IV, resolution 2 (XXX)).

#### Work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission

##### (Agenda item 4(c))

49. The account of the preliminary consideration of sub-item 4(c) by the Sessional Committee is contained in paragraphs 50 to 169 below.

#### Committee on Agricultural Problems

50. In considering the report of the twenty-sixth session of the Committee on Agricultural Problems (ECE/AGRI/11), the delegations which took part in the discussion expressed their Governments' general appreciation of the work done in the past year under the auspices of the Committee, presented their Governments' views on particular activities and projects and commented on the short and long-term programmes of work.

51. The review of the agricultural situation in Europe and the relevant documentation prepared by the secretariat, were referred to as a valuable source of information and an opportunity for countries of the region to exchange views on problems of common interest, production programmes and policies, trade developments and policies and other policy matters relating to agriculture. The preparation by the secretariat of a summary review based on country statements was welcomed as a positive development. The positive experience with the experts' discussion on the beef market in Europe, which had taken place at the last session of the Committee, was stressed by a number of delegations and hope was expressed that similar discussions would be organized for other commodities of particular interest to the region. The view was also expressed, however, that the usefulness of such discussions would mainly depend on the quality of information supplied by countries.

52. In appraising the activities of the subsidiary bodies of the Committee, reference was often made to the recommendations of the Committee on further improvements in the work of the Group of Experts on Mechanization of Agriculture aimed at a concentration of the work programme on a smaller number of projects which, in one way or another, were linked with broader projects carried out elsewhere in the Commission. The studies on environmental aspects of mechanization and on methods of forecasting mechanization needs were quoted as examples of this new orientation. The inclusion in the agenda of the Group of Experts of a review of recent developments in mechanization in the region as a regular item was also considered by some delegations as an improvement.

53. Delegations expressed satisfaction with the work done in the fields of farm rationalization, agricultural statistics and standardization of perishable produce. Attention was drawn by some delegations to the necessity for the elaboration of a glossary on terms in agricultural statistics. The importance of the work on standardization as a means of facilitating trade in agricultural products, was particularly emphasized and it was repeatedly stressed that the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce remained the most appropriate forum in the region for drawing up quality standards for selected categories of agricultural products.

54. The increasing use of symposia and the appropriate selection of topics relating both to technical and economic aspects of agriculture was welcomed by many delegations. Symposia and seminars, it was said, presented one of the most useful forms of work, particularly suitable for dealing with matters where an intensive exchange of national experience was necessary. In this connexion reference was often made to the successful symposium on large-scale agricultural enterprises held in Bulgaria and followed by a study tour. The choice of the topics for the two 1976 symposia (horizontal and vertical integration in agriculture and the utilization of new sources of protein, essential amino acids and non-protein nitrogen - including economic and technological aspects of production and utilization of high-protein crops such as soya beans) was considered as particularly appropriate.

55. It was pointed out by a number of delegates that the Committee had shown a great deal of vitality and dynamism in more recent years and had made efforts aimed at a better integration of its own programmes and its co-operation work with the other Principal Subsidiary Bodies in this direction. The synoptic table, which should be constantly updated, presented a useful tool, it was said, for continuing in this direction. Reference was also made to the good relations developed with a number of international organizations engaged in agriculture and particularly to the close and fruitful co-operation with FAO. The need for keeping a close eye on the activities of other international organizations and, if need be, for streamlining some of the Committee's activities in order to avoid overlap, was also referred to by some speakers.

56. In discussing future work some delegations suggested that greater attention should be paid to policy issues, notably those associated with agricultural trade and long-term development policies. The various forms of co-operation in the region, they said, should be promoted further in order to achieve a more balanced development of agriculture and ensure better prospects for trade - prospects which in their opinion at this time appeared disquieting. Reference was also made to the world setting of agriculture, to the decisions of the World Food Conference and to the role which the accumulated experience and know-how in the ECE region could play in assisting the development of agriculture in developing countries.

#### Chemical Industry Committee

57. In the discussion of the work of the Chemical Industry Committee, which took place on the basis of the report of its seventh session (ECE/CHEM/7), delegations stressed the importance that their Governments attached to the work of this Committee and its subsidiary bodies. They unanimously expressed their appreciation of the work which had been carried out during the past year within the framework of the programmes of

work adopted by the Committee. It was generally felt that the work of the Committee in conducting periodic surveys of the chemical industry, for example through the annual review and the five-year survey of market trends and prospects, was of great assistance to member Governments. A number of delegations underlined the importance of carrying out studies on technological and economic aspects of the chemical industry. The value of the new Bulletin on Exports of Chemical Products was particularly emphasized and several delegations felt that a companion Bulletin for imports would be highly desirable. Great importance was attached to the two studies on the requirements of the chemical industry for raw materials and for energy and to the proposed Seminar on Technical and Economic Aspects of the Fertilizer Industry to be held in Helsinki (Finland) in August 1975. Satisfaction was expressed at the publication of the study on the pattern of uses of plastic materials other than elastomers (ECE/CHEM/9).

58. The delegations of the USSR and the United States emphasized the desirability of completing studies within a reasonably short time in order to avoid publishing out-dated information. In this context the decision to limit the scope of the study on technical progress was welcomed. The delegate of the United Kingdom suggested that in the light of the Executive Secretary's remarks during the plenary session on the desirability of Principal Subsidiary Bodies reviewing their programmes of work, the eighth session of the Chemical Industry Committee in October 1975 should have a full exchange of views on its future work, and that particular emphasis should be given to choosing topics that would attract the active interest of industrial circles in many countries. The Seminar on Technical and Economic Aspects of the Fertilizer Industry was cited as an example of an important subject which attracted the interest of the chemical industry in many countries. Some delegations voiced their disappointment that the United Nations Statistical Commission had rejected the recommendations of the Committee for the transfer of certain items of section 5 of the revised SITC and suggested that further representations should be made to the Statistical Commission on this subject.

59. General approval was expressed with the organization of seminars, symposia and study tours as valuable means of promoting technical exchange and co-operation. The USSR delegation expressed regret that no study tours were scheduled in the present short-term programme of work. The delegation of Italy also underlined the importance of the conclusions and recommendations made at seminars and proposed that more account should be taken of them when preparing the work programmes of the Committee. This delegation also expressed the opinion, supported by several other delegations, that further and closer co-operation with other Principal Subsidiary Bodies on topics of mutual interest would be advantageous and avoid duplication of effort.

60. During the discussion the following suggestions were made for topics which might usefully be included in the Committee's programme of work:

- measures for the discharge of toxic wastes (Ukrainian SSR)
- low waste and non-waste technologies in the chemical industry (Ukrainian SSR)
- air pollution, particularly by sulphur compounds (Ukrainian SSR)
- recycling of solid wastes arising from chemical industry operations (Ukrainian SSR)

- the production of synthetic proteins (Italy)
- elaboration of an overall Mediterranean petrochemical plan, taking into account existing installations and the possibility of specializing to obtain optimal size (Spain)
- European investment in the chemical industries of countries having the necessary characteristics for such investment (Spain).

61. The delegation of Italy stated that, of the three topics proposed to the seventh session of the Committee, it felt that new coal-based raw materials was of greatest topical interest.

62. The delegation of the USSR reiterated its invitation for the tenth session of the Chemical Industry Committee to be held in Moscow in the autumn of 1977, followed by a study tour. Appreciation was expressed of this invitation. The Polish delegation reiterated its readiness to host a seminar in 1977. The delegation of the German Democratic Republic confirmed its intention to host a seminar in 1978 on the use of waste from high polymer products, especially plastic and synthetic fibres, as secondary raw materials.

63. Delegates expressed their support for and agreement with the present short- and long-term programmes of work of the Committee.

#### Coal Committee

64. In the discussion of the report of the Coal Committee (ECE/COAL/8) delegations emphasized the growing importance of coal as a result of the changes which had occurred in the world energy markets. Many delegations stated that their Governments looked upon the Coal Committee with an even greater interest than hitherto as a centre for intergovernmental co-operation. They expressed their Governments' appreciation of the fact that the Coal Committee had made efforts to adapt its activities to new emerging needs and priorities. They approved the report of the Committee and its programmes of work.

65. The discussions indicated that the Coal Committee's work on the following problems had met with particular interest on the part of different ECE Governments:

- productivity in mines
- productivity forecasts
- mechanization and automation of mining operations
- research on and development of new technologies
- recruitment and manpower problems
- coal statistics
- problems of environmental protection

- the rational use of solid fuels
- coal gasification
- coal preparation
- the use of mathematical models
- consideration of long-term developments in coal markets for, and international trade in coal and coke
- the consideration of government policies with respect to coal.

66. With respect to the methods of work of the Committee, delegations welcomed the opportunity given to experts from their countries to participate in symposia and study tours on important specific problems. They appreciated as particularly useful the outcome of the Symposium on Transport Problems in Open-cast Mines held in Belgrade (Yugoslavia) in May 1974 and of the Symposium on Sudden Outbursts of Coal and Gas held at Donetsk (Ukrainian SSR) in October 1974. They expressed their great interest in the Symposium on Gasification and Liquefaction of Coal which would be organized in the Federal Republic of Germany in January 1976 and in the Symposium on Environmental Implications of Coal Industry's Activities to be organized in Poland in 1976. The delegations of the USSR and Poland suggested that the programme of study tours and symposia be prepared if possible for several years in advance.

67. Delegates noted with satisfaction the progress achieved in co-ordination but several delegations advocated a further effort in this respect by the Coal Committee's subsidiary organs, by the Coal Committee, by the other Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission and with respect to other intergovernmental organizations. Several delegations welcomed the consideration of coal problems in the wider context of the energy economy; attention was drawn to the need for avoiding overlapping with projects sponsored by other Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission and other international bodies.

68. With respect to the future work programmes of the Committee which were approved, some delegations mentioned the desirability of giving still greater emphasis to well defined practical problems of highest priority. The delegation of Czechoslovakia expressed itself in favour of a further deepening of co-operation in the field of research and development and of intensified efforts in the development of smokeless fuels. In the opinion of the delegation of the German Democratic Republic, the problems of open-cast mining deserved a much greater attention than they had received in the past; this delegation suggested the setting up of a group of experts on this topic. The delegation of the USSR suggested that special attention be drawn to the work on the problem of coal and gas outbursts.

69. The representative of the CMEA reported on the more intensive and fruitful contacts between the ECE Coal Committee and the CMEA Standing Commission on the Coal Industry.

Conference of European Statisticians

70. Delegations participating in the discussion of the report of the Conference of European Statisticians on its twenty-second plenary session (ECE/CES/4) stressed the importance and high quality of the work of the Conference. References were made to the useful results achieved by the Conference in developing statistical methodology and in drawing up statistical standards in many fields. It was noted that this work had been of help to national statistical services in improving their data in traditional fields such as agricultural statistics and migration statistics, in developing data needed to meet new problems, and in promoting the comparability of their statistics with those of other countries. Reference was made in particular to the value of the Conference's work on national accounts and balances and related subjects, economic and social classifications, agricultural statistics, energy statistics, statistics of tourism, a system of social and demographic statistics, social indicators, cultural statistics, manpower statistics, migration statistics, fertility statistics, population censuses, regional statistics and methods of assessing the quality of statistics.

71. Several delegations noted with satisfaction that the Conference was working effectively in each of the Commission's priority areas. It was pointed out that the work initiated on statistics of prices and indices in foreign trade would make an important contribution to the work of the Committee on the Development of Trade. Several delegations expressed the hope that the conversion key between the Standard International Trade Classification of the United Nations and the Standard Foreign Trade Classification of the CMEA be tested as soon as possible and then put to practical use in compiling comparable data on trade flows among ECE countries. The delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany suggested that this work be co-ordinated with the work of the Customs Co-operation Council on the development of a harmonized commodity description and coding system. Support was expressed by several delegations for the Conference's decision to convene a seminar on statistics of science and technology, jointly with the Senior Advisers on Science and Technology and UNESCO, early in 1976. Several delegations expressed the hope that the work on environmental statistics could be accelerated, notably the development of a system of environmental statistics, and that continued efforts would be made to co-ordinate the joint work of the Senior Advisers on Environmental Problems and the Conference in this field with the work being undertaken at the world level. In order to ensure the avoidance of duplication, attention was also drawn by several delegations to the need for close co-operation with the Senior Economic Advisers and the Committee on the Development of Trade in studying the types of data needed for long-term planning and projections.

72. Particular stress was laid on the value of the Conference's work on the use of computers for statistical purposes. The major studies which had been prepared in this field under the programme of the Working Party on Electronic Data Processing, as well as the regular exchange of information, had been of significant assistance to national statistical offices in their applications of computer techniques. Appreciation was expressed of the importance and general interest in the work being carried out by the Computing Research Centre (Bratislava), in co-operation with the ECE Statistical Division, and special reference was made to an important study prepared by the Centre on the future use of computers in statistical offices which would be presented to the Conference of European Statisticians at its next session. Attention was drawn to the



success of the International Computer Education Centre (Budapest), particularly in presenting training courses for students from developing countries. The value of continued co-operation by the ECE secretariat with these two Centres was emphasized.

73. Attention was drawn to the value of the Conference's work on promoting international comparisons such as the international comparison of relative income differences within the population which is being carried out by eight ECE countries under the leadership of Hungary. Reference was also made to the results achieved in the comparison of consumer prices and consumption levels in France and Poland, the comparison of levels of consumption and selected items of capital formation in Austria and Poland and the comparison of levels of labour productivity in Austria and Hungary by the delegations of these countries.

74. General support was expressed for the five-year programme of work adopted by the Conference at its twenty-second plenary session. It was noted with appreciation that the Conference regularly reviewed the whole of its work programme and kept it up-to-date in accordance with changing priorities, and that the Conference also kept full control over the various activities carried on under its auspices. In this connexion, the Conference's decision to plan its work and present its programme so far as possible in terms of projects as well as in terms of meetings was welcomed. Support was also expressed by several delegations for the plans of the Conference to give greater emphasis to work in selected fields of economic statistics such as statistics of prices and energy statistics.

75. Suggestions were presented with regard to several projects in the Conference's programme of work. The delegations of the Ukrainian SSR and the USSR welcomed the growing recognition being given to the system of balances of the national economy (MPS) in the Conference's work on national accounts and balances and related subjects, but pointed out that further efforts were needed to ensure that due attention was given to MPS in all aspects of this work. The delegation of Hungary stressed the importance of continued work on the preparation of the European handbook of economic accounts for agriculture. The delegation of Greece urged that the European programme of statistics of tourism be prepared and circulated as soon as possible.

76. Several delegations stressed the value of the Conference's work in promoting co-operation among the international organizations dealing with statistics in the ECE region, and expressed the hope that the Conference would continue to give attention to this aspect of its activities, notably by convening consultations on work in specific fields in which problems of co-ordination arose, with a view to ensuring the avoidance of duplication of efforts. In this connexion, the arrangements being made to strengthen co-operation with the CMEA in statistical matters were welcomed.

77. Several delegations referred to the usefulness of the ECE statistical bulletins and expressed appreciation of the further progress made in rationalizing and standardizing the collection and publication of statistical data. The need for giving countries adequate time to reply to questionnaires was also stressed.

78. Several delegations referred to the importance of ensuring co-ordination of the various statistical activities conducted under the Commission, and urged in particular that continuous attention should be given to harmonizing the statistical work programmes of the other Principal Subsidiary Bodies with that of the Conference of

European Statisticians. The arrangements for joint meetings between the Conference and several of the other Principal Subsidiary Bodies were welcomed. In this connexion, attention was drawn to the fact that the Inland Transport Committee had again declined the proposal of the Conference that the work of the Group of Experts on Transport Statistics should be conducted under joint auspices, and the delegation of Canada, supported by the delegations of France, Italy, Norway and the United Kingdom, proposed that in the interests of improved co-ordination of its statistical work the Commission should express support for the Conference's proposal and reiterate the urgent request to the Inland Transport Committee to re-consider the question, with a view to the adoption of arrangements by which the work on transport statistics would be conducted under joint auspices of the two Principal Subsidiary Bodies.

#### Committee on Electric Power

79. The delegations which took part in the discussions on the activities of the Committee on Electric Power in the light of that Committee's report on its thirty-third session (ECE/EP/11) expressed their Government's satisfaction with and interest in the productive work done by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies during the past year, declared themselves to be in favour of the new direction that the Committee was giving its work with a view to providing the solutions of current problems which would be most useful for the ECE countries, and approved the programmes of work and priorities for 1975/76 and 1976-1980. Suggestions were made concerning the Committee's future activities and the areas of work and projects to which high priority should be given. Certain delegations also made statements on salient features of the position of the electric power industry in their countries and its prospects.

80. The following problems were singled out as being of special interest to the Governments of the ECE countries:

- The relationship between electricity and the environment.
- The value of the Seminar held at Zurich (Switzerland) in May 1974 on Environmental Aspects of the Cooling Systems of Thermal Power Stations was stressed and thanks were conveyed to the Government of Switzerland for organizing the Seminar.
- Development of international exchanges of electric power.
- Problems raised by the design and operation of thermal, nuclear and hydro-electric power stations.
- Measures designed to increase the efficiency of the generation, transmission, distribution and use of electric power.
- The long-term prospects of the electric power industry in the ECE region. Attention was drawn to the special interest of the Symposium on the Role of Electric Power in Meeting Future Energy Needs and on International Co-operation in this Field, to be held at Delphi and Athens (Greece) in May 1975.
- Planning and operation of very high voltage electricity networks.
- Development of international co-operation in research relating to electric power.

81. Certain delegations considered that the practice of organizing special meetings and symposia on well-defined topics and co-operation between the Committee and the other Principal Subsidiary Bodies of ECE should be continued and expanded. The delegation of the German Democratic Republic considered that an ad hoc Group of Experts should be instructed to study questions relating to the rational use of electric power.

82. The delegations of Czechoslovakia and the USSR recommended that the Committee should expand its work on new techniques for the utilization, distribution, transmission and, in particular the generation of electricity.

83. The following projects in the Committee's programme of work were mentioned as deserving special attention:

- Rational use of electric power (Czechoslovakia; German Democratic Republic; Germany, Federal Republic of; Hungary; Poland; Romania; USSR).
- Design and operation of nuclear power stations and their integration in electric power systems (Belgium; Bulgaria; German Democratic Republic; Germany, Federal Republic of; Romania; Spain).
- Interconnexion of the electric power transmission systems of the countries of eastern and western Europe, economic and technical problems involved in the interconnexion of the electric power transmission systems of the Balkan countries (Bulgaria; Byelorussian SSR; Czechoslovakia; German Democratic Republic; Greece; Hungary; Poland; Romania; USSR; Yugoslavia).
- Relationship between electricity and the environment (Byelorussian SSR; Czechoslovakia; German Democratic Republic; Germany, Federal Republic of; Hungary; Poland; Spain; United Kingdom; USSR).
- Scientific research relating to electric power (Bulgaria; USSR).
- Economic use of heat emitted by thermal power stations (Bulgaria; Byelorussian SSR).
- Present methods of peak-load coverage (Byelorussian SSR).
- Harmonization of existing laws relating to international electricity exchanges (Byelorussian SSR).

#### Committee on Gas

84. In considering the report of the Committee on Gas on its twenty-first session (ECE/GAS/16) the delegations which took part in the discussion expressed their Governments' appreciation of the work done in the past year under the auspices of the Committee, presented their Governments' views on particular activities and studies which were of special interest to them, and commented on the short and long-term programmes of work and priorities. Suggestions were made on further studies which should be undertaken and on the emphasis which should be given to particular areas of work or projects. Some delegations also referred to salient features, recent developments or future prospects of the gas industry of their countries. Delegations

thanked the Government of the United Kingdom for having organized the study tour on LNG facilities in October 1974, and the Government of Yugoslavia for the Symposium organized on Developments of Gas Markets in Europe and their Supply Possibilities up to 1985, held in Belgrade in May 1974. The United Kingdom delegation commented favourably on the increasing country contributions to the annual surveys of the gas situation and natural gas markets.

85. In reviewing the activities of the Committee and of its subsidiary bodies, reference was made by some delegations to the following problems as being of particular concern at the present time:

- intensifying the search for new and additional resources of natural gas, both on-shore and off-shore, and their evaluation and exploitation;
- the growing investment requirements of the gas industry and their financing possibilities;
- the rational use of natural gas (with special reference to energy conservation principles and the environmental advantages of using gas);
- the development of gas transport, storage and distribution facilities; and,
- large-scale international natural gas import or export projects.

86. Many delegations referred to the Committee's study tours, seminars and symposia as very effective and practical means of co-operation. The importance of the study tour on storage facilities to be organized in France in October 1975, the Seminar on Sea Pipelines for the Transport of Gas to be held in Italy in April 1976, and the Symposium on Gas Industry and Environment to take place in the Byelorussian SSR in May 1977 was emphasized. Delegations expressed the view that special importance should be attached to the Committee's participation in the Symposium on Coal Gasification and Liquefaction, to be organized under the auspices of the Coal Committee in the Federal Republic of Germany in January 1976.

87. Comments were made regarding work at present under way or envisaged in existing programmes and the following were mentioned as deserving more emphasis:

- the work undertaken in the field of statistics (Italy);
- rational use of gas in various sectors of the economy and relevant conservation problems (USSR);
- protection and use of synthetic natural gas (USSR);
- co-operation in the field of research of interest to the gas industry (USSR).

88. In the course of the discussion, the following suggestions were made for the initiation of new work:

- a detailed investigation should be carried out on policies and provisions regarding elimination of natural gas wastes (Italy);

- steps should be taken to organize, in the near future, and not later than 1978, a Symposium on Gas Markets along the lines of those held in the past (Spain).

89. The Committee's decision to change the status of the ad hoc Meeting on Natural Gas Resources to a Group of Experts on Natural Gas Resources was supported by delegations and endorsed. In this connexion the need for a further integration of the programme of work of the Committee was referred to by some delegations.

90. During the discussion, delegations commented favourably on the co-operation provided and contributions made to the work of the Committee by intergovernmental and non-governmental international organizations.

#### Committee on Housing, Building and Planning

91. Delegations discussed the activities of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning on the basis of the report of its thirty-fifth session (ECE/HBP/11). They heard a statement by Mr. E. Penalosa, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements ("Habitat 76") who informed them of the progress made in the preparatory work for the Conference, in particular the outcome of the first meeting of its Preparatory Committee held in New York in January 1975. He stressed the potential usefulness of pre-Conference regional meetings and considered that the success of the Conference would largely depend on the quality of the preparatory work. He stated that the ECE Committee on Housing, Building and Planning and its member Governments could and should play a significant role in this work, drawing on the comprehensive experience they had accumulated in the field of human settlements in the last quarter of a century.

92. During the discussion, delegates expressed their Governments' general support of the Committee's activities in the field of housing, building and planning which, it was felt, contributed significantly to the implementation of the Commission's resolutions and decisions in the four principal priority areas. It was recognized that the Committee had succeeded in reorienting and intensifying its activities in line with the evolving needs of ECE Governments. The diversified programme, the structure and the methods of work adopted by the Committee were endorsed.

93. The Committee's practice of organizing an in-depth discussion on a subject of topical interest to ECE Governments at each plenary session was favourably noted as was the increasing emphasis laid by the Committee on complex issues interrelating different aspects of housing, building and planning. The work initiated on problems of improving housing and its immediate surroundings was welcomed. Several delegations stated that they looked forward to the seminar on "Housing Tomorrow" to be held in Greece in December 1976. It was suggested that the Committee should give a clearer focus to its activities further in the field of energy conservation, taking into account relevant activities of other international organizations. The tentative plan to organize a seminar in this field was welcomed, it being understood that it would cover all the various energy conservation aspects related to the planning, construction and use of human settlements. Some delegations expressed the hope that the Working Party on the Building Industry would give special attention to the problems raised by price increases in energy and building materials. Several delegations stressed the usefulness of the study tours organized in conjunction with the Committee sessions

and the specialized seminars, which had generally been on a high organizational level. In the opinion of some delegations, the theme of each study tour should be more specialized. Satisfaction was expressed at the results achieved by the Group of Experts on Housing, Building and Planning Problems and Policies in the Countries of Southern Europe.

94. As to the Committee's projects concerned with socio-economic aspects of housing, delegations expressed satisfaction with the useful outcome of the Seminar on Programming of Housing held in Malaga (Spain) in Spring 1974. Many delegations stated that the problems on housing special groups of the population, to be discussed at a seminar in the Netherlands in 1976, was of great interest to their Governments. The work initiated for a Seminar on Major Problems of Housing Policy to be held in Finland in 1977, was also welcomed.

95. The scope and orientation of the projects in the field of building materials and construction were endorsed as being in line with the needs of ECE Governments. It was felt, in particular, that the work initiated on the harmonization of the technical content of building regulations in the ECE region would contribute significantly to alleviating technical obstacles to trade and co-operation and should accordingly be given high priority. Some delegations announced the decisions of their Governments to contribute to the voluntary United Nations/ECE Trust Fund which had been established in 1974 to augment the resources available to the ECE secretariat for work in this field. Some delegations considered that the establishment of the United Nations/ECE Trust Fund was an exceptional case and that in general activities of the Committee should be carried out within the framework of the regular budget. Delegations commented favourably on the preparations in hand for the Seminar on Long-Term Prospects and Policies in the Construction Sector, to be held in Copenhagen (Denmark) in January 1976, and for the Fifth ECE Seminar on the Building Industry, to be held in Budapest (Hungary) in Autumn 1976 on the theme "The Building Industry and the Environment". The results of the Seminar on Construction in Seismic Regions and in Regions with Difficult Ground Conditions, held in Bucharest (Romania) in October 1974, were considered to be of great importance on the national as well as the international levels.

96. Delegations confirmed their special interest in the ongoing activities of the Group of Experts on Urban and Regional Research which, it was noted, had continued to diversify its activities and improve its methods of work. Several delegations stated that they looked forward to the Third ECE Conference on Urban and Regional Research, to be held in Warsaw (Poland) in Spring 1976, and that they appreciated the specialized colloquia organized from time to time in different countries under the sponsorship of the Group of Experts. Among the other activities in the field of regional and urban planning and development, the Seminar on the Planning and Development of Rural Settlements, held in Bulgaria in June 1974, and the Seminar on National and Regional Planning as frameworks for local planning, to be held in Helsinki (Finland) in Spring 1975, were praised as particularly useful initiatives. The Seminar on the Impact of Transport on Settlements Planning, planned to be held in the United States in June 1976, under the sponsorship of three Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the ECE, was felt to be a logical and promising follow up to the successful seminar held in Munich (Federal Republic of Germany) in 1973.

97. Thanks were expressed to the Governments of Bulgaria, Denmark, Romania, Spain and Sweden for the excellent facilities they had provided in the past year as host countries to seminars and study tours.

98. Delegations taking the floor on the subject of the Habitat Conference stressed the importance they attached to that Conference and described what action had already been taken on the national level in assisting the preparatory work. The decisions taken by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, at its session in September 1974, with regard to the contributions to be made by the Committee to the Conference were welcomed and endorsed. In particular, the preparation of national monographs on the future pattern and forms of human settlements and the working out of a synthetic report on the basis of this material for examination by the Committee at its next session in September 1975, and subsequent submission to the Habitat Conference were considered to be useful initiatives. Some countries pointed out that, in view of the fact that the agenda for the Conference would be firmly established at the resumed first meeting of the Preparatory Committee in August 1975, i.e. prior to the session of the ECE Committee, there was a need for some form of regional consideration among ECE Governments of the conception of the Habitat Conference and its agenda well in advance of the Preparatory Committee. In this connexion, the delegate of Sweden proposed the convening of a consultation of ECE Governments as soon as possible and no later than mid-July 1975. Such a consultation would permit all ECE Governments, including also those which were not members of the Preparatory Committee, to take an active part well in advance of the August meeting in reviewing the substantive framework of the Conference. There was a consensus that such a consultation would serve a useful purpose if it were practicable to organize it. Several delegations felt, however, that the organization of the proposed consultation in such a short time and in a period when a number of other international meetings in the field of human settlements were scheduled might involve difficult technical problems both in terms of preparatory work by Governments and the secretariat and in terms of participation. It was agreed that the final decision on the possible convening of an ECE consultation should be taken later during the Commission session.

99. The representative of the secretariat of the CMEA informed the Sessional Committee of the progress made in CMEA activities in the field of housing, building and planning and, in particular, of the continued work on a glossary of technical terms in the field of building materials and construction, copies of which had been made available to all ECE Governments and several international organizations for comments. He noted with satisfaction the favourable comments expressed on the glossary at the Committee's thirty-fifth session and stated that his organization looked forward to continued and expanded co-operation with the Committee and its secretariat. The CMEA envisaged making significant contribution to the Fifth ECE Seminar on the Building Industry.

100. At its tenth meeting, the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted unanimously its decision on ECE assistance to Habitat Conference (for the text, see Part IV, decision A (XXX)).

Inland Transport Committee

101. For the consideration of the work of the Inland Transport Committee during 1974 the Commission had before it the report of the Committee on its thirty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/11 and Add.1 and Corr.1).
102. During the discussion delegates expressed their Governments' general, and positive, appreciation of the work done under the auspices of the Inland Transport Committee during the past year, and, in approving the short and long-term programmes of work and priorities, presented their Governments' views on particular projects. Some delegations also referred to relevant developments or future prospects in their countries.
103. The importance of the role of inland transport in international co-operation in the ECE region was stressed and the delegation of Yugoslavia suggested that co-operation with regard to inland transport might be extended to neighbouring regions.
104. Reference was made to the useful exchange of information on important trends in transport development and transport policies at the annual sessions of the Committee and the decision to systematize work on the subject, inter alia, by means of a questionnaire, which was to be drafted by an ad hoc meeting of rapporteurs. It was observed that, in considering transport policy questions, due weight should be given to the study of measures for the most rational use of transport facilities and long-term forecasting of transport requirements, as well as energy, environmental and safety aspects.
105. Delegations expressed satisfaction with the work done in the field of road transport, and referred in particular to the adoption of Agreements on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) and on Minimum Requirements for the Issue and Validity of Driving Permits (APC), which, it was hoped, would soon enter into force.
106. In connexion with other international Conventions and Agreements elaborated under the auspices of the Committee, the delegations of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics regretted that the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP) had not yet entered into force, due to one ratification still missing.
107. The role which the Committee could play in contributing to the development of large international infrastructural projects was stressed. The importance of the preliminary survey, to be undertaken jointly by UNDP and ECE, of the feasibility of constructing a north-south motorway linking the Scandinavian countries to the countries of south-east Europe as a means of further improvement in the European road infrastructure was also mentioned. Reference was made to the Rhine-Main-Danube and the Danube-Oder-Elbe inland waterway links.
108. Delegations attributed great importance to the second Seminar on The role of Transportation in Urban Planning, Development and Environment, to be held in Washington D.C. (United States of America) in 1976 under the joint sponsorship of three main organs of the ECE among them the Inland Transport Committee. One delegation expressed the wish that the implementation of the results of the first Seminar should be examined.



109. Reference was made to the following problems as being of particular concern at the present time:

- (a) measures for environmental protection and safety in connexion with transport operations;
- (b) transport and energy consumption, including the study of statistics on the use of energy in transport;
- (c) the liberalization of international transit traffic by road of certain categories of goods;
- (d) harmonization of regulations concerning the carriage of dangerous goods by different transport means, including improvements in the work of joint meetings of the competent bodies of ECE and OCTI dealing with European rail and road transport;
- (e) improvement of border control formalities and facilities, in particular in railway traffic;
- (f) appropriate arrangements for the timely introduction of an appropriate automatic coupling system for railway rolling stock;
- (g) harmonization of technical and safety requirements for inland navigation vessels and of rules of navigation;
- (h) revision of the TIR Convention;
- (i) application of the ITC Resolution No. 220 on the prevention of the abuse of Customs transit systems by drug smugglers;
- (j) combined transport, in particular the work being undertaken under the auspices of UNCTAD with regard to the elaboration of a Convention on international multimodal transport and with regard to standardization in the field of container transport.

110. The delegations of Norway, Italy and France regretted that the Inland Transport Committee had not responded positively to the Commission's proposal that meetings of the Group of Experts on Transport Statistics be held under the joint auspices of the Committee and the Conference of European Statisticians. They urged that satisfactory arrangements be made to solve this question which had been under consideration since 1967.

111. The delegation of the USSR proposed, with regard to international inland waterway transport, the elaboration of a comprehensive safety convention, harmonized with rules existing in maritime navigation, to ensure the efficient exploitation of the European inland waterway network, and emphasized the importance of the co-operation between the ECE and the Danube Commission, regretting that an appropriate status in ECE had not yet been accorded to that Commission.

112. The delegations of Bulgaria, the USSR and the Ukrainian SSR stressed the desirability of elaborating a world-wide Convention on the Transport of Dangerous Goods covering all modes of transport with due consideration of the rules being elaborated in the IMCO.

113. The delegations of the USSR and of the Ukrainian SSR suggested that work be undertaken in the field of transport by pipelines, in particular with regard to safety requirements and the USSR suggested also the study of the possibilities of extending the use of liquefied gas for refrigeration of bodies of special vehicles, designed for the transport of perishable foodstuffs.

114. The delegation of Italy urged that, in conformity with the recommendations of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council, the reports of the Inland Transport Committee be made shorter in length.

115. The delegations of Bulgaria and the USSR expressed regret that, in Conventions and Agreements elaborated or in the course of elaboration under the auspices of the Inland Transport Committee, there were sometimes clauses which caused problems with regard to signing and ratification. As regards the envisaged revisions of the TIR Convention, the delegations of Bulgaria, Poland and the USSR confirmed the reservations made by their representatives at the thirty-fourth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/11, paragraphs 102-107).

116. In reply to the above statements of Bulgaria, the USSR and Poland, the representative of Italy, referring to the statements made by the delegate of Ireland on behalf of the EEC in the Inland Transport Committee, reaffirmed the position of EEC as reflected in paragraphs 100 and 101 of document ECE/TRANS/11.

117. At its tenth meeting, the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted unanimously its decision on transport statistics (for the text see Part IV, decision B (XXX)).

#### Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems

118. In considering the report of the third session of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems (ECE/ENV/10), delegations expressed general satisfaction with the progress made in the work of the Senior Advisers and of its subsidiary body, the Working Party on Air Pollution Problems.

119. In their statements, delegations made comments on the implementation of the current short-term programme of work and on the various seminars and studies which had been carried out or were in preparation. While stressing the need to avoid overlapping of work, delegations expressed satisfaction with efforts made towards improving co-operation with other Principal Subsidiary Bodies as well as with other international organizations.

120. Particular mention was made of the Seminar on Ecological Aspects of Economic Development Planning which had just been held in Rotterdam (Netherlands), under the joint sponsorship of the Senior Advisers on Environmental Problems and the Senior Economic Advisers, and also of the forthcoming Seminar in Washington (United States of America) on the Desulphurization of Fuel and Combustion Gases, to be carried out in

close collaboration with the Committee on Electric Power. Approval was expressed concerning the support given by the Senior Advisers, in co-operation with the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning and the Inland Transport Committee, to the Seminar on the Role of Transportation in Urban Planning, Development and Environment to which the Government of the United States had offered host facilities. Reference was also made to the co-operation with the Committee on Water Problems, with the Senior Advisers on Science and Technology and with the Conference of European Statisticians.

121. Delegations stressed that they attached great importance to the close working relationships which had been created between ECE and the UNEP, and support was given to the efforts aiming at the development of co-ordinated and integrated activities in problem areas relating to the ECE region and the particular fields of competence of the Commission. Some delegations referred to the importance of close co-operation between ECE and CMEA in this field.

122. Concerning organization and methods of work satisfaction was expressed with the arrangements at the third session of the Senior Advisers which had been prepared on the basis of an informal intergovernmental consultation. In this connexion favourable comments were made on the agenda that had provided for a substantive discussion of a few major environmental policy issues of importance and concern to member Governments, i.e. transboundary air pollution problems, environmental aspects of water resources and problems of non-waste technology. Many delegations stated that Governments also appreciated the efforts which had been made to rationalize the presentation of supporting documents, thus reducing the time required by the Senior Advisers for consideration of matters of a routine or administrative character. In addition, references were made to the efficient functioning of the so-called "task-forces", e.g. in the area of fine particulates and economic assessment of environmental damage. The delegation of the United Kingdom hoped that it would be possible in the future to schedule the sessions of the Working Party on Air Pollution Problems so that sufficient time would be available for the processing and distribution of the reports of these sessions prior to the meetings of the Senior Advisers.

123. Delegations participating in the discussions gave support to the programme of work for 1975/76 which, to a greater extent than previously, focused on selected areas of key importance to policies and strategies for environmental protection and improvement, and laid emphasis on action-oriented projects. The delegation of the United States suggested that the programme as a whole might still be somewhat over-ambitious. In approving the general framework for the long-term work programme, delegations gave particular importance to the on-going activities in the following broad subject areas: comprehensive planning, including ecological and environmental factors; low-waste and non-waste technology; air pollution abatement and prevention, with special attention to transboundary problems; environmental aspects of water resource management; ecological problems related to the energy sector; problems of noise.

124. In the discussion, specific comments were made in respect of the above-mentioned activity areas. It was suggested, in particular by the delegations of the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Democratic Republic and Poland, that more emphasis should be placed on the integration of socio-economic and physical planning. In the

context of development planning, the delegation of Romania drew attention to the special problems of the developing countries in the ECE region with regard to incorporating ecological and environmental variables, and expressed the hope that such concerns would be taken into account by the Senior Advisers in their future activities.

125. Referring to the work in the field of low-waste and non-waste technology, many delegations expressed thanks to the Government of France for offering host facilities to the forthcoming seminar and declared their willingness to participate both in the preparations and in the seminar itself. The delegation of the Byelorussian SSR proposed that the Senior Advisers should consider the possibility of issuing an ECE information bulletin on low-waste and non-waste technologies.

126. Many delegations stressed the importance of those activities having a transboundary nature and involving the pollution of commonly-shared water bodies and airsheds. The delegation of Poland referred to efficient sub-regional co-operation, for instance, for the protection of the Baltic Sea; and the delegation of Spain spoke in favour of intensified intergovernmental efforts for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea. The delegation of the United States expressed appreciation for the initiative taken by the Government of Norway concerning transboundary air pollution and endorsed the project of the Senior Advisers on the technical modalities of a programme for monitoring and evaluating long-range transmission of air pollution in the ECE region.

127. With reference to environmental problems arising from energy production and use, some delegations expressed the view that high priority should be given within ECE to this area of concern. The suggestion was made that the Senior Advisers should pay particular attention to the problems of new technologies which were being studied jointly with the Senior Advisers on Science and Technology. The delegation of the United States expressed some disappointment with certain background documents which had been prepared for the discussion on energy problems at the third session and suggested that, in the context of such activities, greater co-ordination ought to be established in the future with other Principal Subsidiary Bodies and with other international organizations concerned.

128. The request of the Senior Advisers for permission to co-sponsor the Seminar on Long-term Planning of Water Management, which was to be held in 1976 under the auspices of the Committee on Water Problems was approved and it was pointed out that the results of this seminar could become a joint contribution of the two Principal Subsidiary Bodies to the United Nations Water Conference scheduled to be held in Buenos Aires (Argentina) in 1977.

#### Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology

129. For their consideration of this item of the agenda, delegations had before them the report of the third session of Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology (ECE/SC.TECH/6); reference was also made, in the course of the discussions, to the relevant paragraphs of the report by the Executive Secretary entitled "The Future Activities of the Commission" (E/ECE/875, paras.36-39).

130. During the discussion, delegates expressed their Governments' general satisfaction with the work done under the auspices of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology during the past year and presented the views of their Governments on particular projects included in the programmes of work which had been adopted. In particular, several delegations noted the positive results achieved at the Seminar on the Organization and Management of Co-operative International Research (held in Warsaw on 23-27 September 1974) and thanked the Polish authorities for their hospitality. Several delegations expressed themselves in favour of a follow-up of the subjects discussed at the Seminar.

131. Many delegations reaffirmed their interest in the work of the Senior Advisers in respect of innovation and co-operation in energy technologies and noted that the ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Innovation in Energy Technologies held in October 1974 had been a point of departure for the continuation of constructive co-operative activities by the Senior Advisers in this field.

132. Various suggestions were put forward for further activities and regarding the emphasis which should be given to particular areas of the programme of work. In this connexion, reference was made to the following problems as being of particular concern to ECE Governments at the present time:

- the formulation of scientific and technological policy;
- innovation in energy technologies; and
- the evaluation of technological trends in basic industrial materials and natural resources.

133. As regards the formulation of scientific and technological policy, particular interest was expressed in problems relating to the transfer of technology and in means of improving statistics on science and technology. Many delegations stated their Governments looked forward to useful results from the forthcoming Seminar on the Management of the Transfer of Technology within Industrial Co-operation (scheduled to take place in Geneva on 14-17 July 1975) and noted the intensive preparations for the Seminar that had been undertaken both on the part of Governments and the secretariat. Much interest was also expressed in the Seminar on Statistics of Science and Technology scheduled to take place early 1976 in Prague (Czechoslovakia).

134. With regard to innovation in energy technologies, it was pointed out that the ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Co-operation in Energy Technologies (scheduled for 29-30 April 1975) should, inter alia, help prepare the Seminar on Technologies for the Utilization of Low-Calorie Fuels (to be held in Varna, Bulgaria, in April 1976). In particular, some delegations indicated that their Governments were especially interested in exchanging experience and developing co-operation in respect of energy technologies applicable in the short- or medium-term, such as coal gasification and low-calorie fuels and also energy economizing technologies.

135. Some delegations also reaffirmed their Governments' support for the work undertaken with regard to the study of technological trends in basic industrial materials and natural resources and stressed the need for intensifying research into the problems of the rational use of natural resources, non-waste technology processes and recycling of basic materials.

136. As regards methods of work, and organizational questions, some delegations suggested that the Senior Advisers should clearly define, and if necessary limit, the range of scientific and technological problems with which they were concerned so that an over-loading of the programme of work could be avoided.

137. The representative of Czechoslovakia suggested that although the seminars were a useful means of promoting co-operation and improving the exchange of information there was a need to focus these seminars on more specific problems such as prevention of energy losses or recycling of waste materials. Some delegations stressed the need for close co-ordination of the work of the Senior Advisers with that of the other Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission and with that of other international organizations active in these fields, such as the UNESCO, IAEA, CMEA, OECD, and the IIASA. In this connexion, the representative of the UNESCO secretariat, reviewing his organization's work programme in the field of science and technology, indicated that an informal meeting on science and technology would be held later in 1975 under the sponsorship of the secretariats of the ECE and UNESCO, and would bring together staff officials of other international organizations to explore ways and means of strengthening co-operation and preventing duplication of effort.

138. The delegate of Spain suggested that the Senior Advisers consider initiating a methodological study which would provide a matrix indicating both the applicability of different technologies to different sectors and the diversity of use of various technologies. It was stated that such a study would permit the establishment of priorities based on the importance of the use of technologies in industry and would assist Governments in working towards technological specialization.

139. In the course of the discussion, many delegations expressed their Governments' views that favourable results for the work of the ECE, and the Senior Advisers on Science and Technology in particular, may be expected from the successful conclusion of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

#### Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments

140. In the discussion on this subject, the Committee had before it the report of the twelfth session of the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments (ECE/EC.AD/10) which included draft terms of reference, reproduced as annex III of that report, for approval by the Commission.

141. Delegations taking part in the discussion expressed their Governments' support for the work done during the past year. A number of them stressed the importance of the exchange of information and views on the preparation and implementation of medium- and long-term plans and on long-term policies and problems which took place at the session of the Senior Economic Advisers. These exchanges were considered to be of special interest at a time when Governments were facing a number of unprecedented economic challenges and in a world of increasing uncertainty.

142. The project envisaging the preparation of the Over-all Economic Perspective for the ECE region (OEP) was welcomed by many delegations as being of practical assistance to national planners and policy-makers in placing national issues in a wider regional context. Reference was made to its value in stimulating a two-way exchange of information as recommended by Commission resolution 2(XXVIII), i.e. to provide other

Principal Subsidiary Bodies with an over-all orientation and perspective for the long-term and to provide a means of shaping future developments in the light of sectoral and intersectoral studies made by the Principal Subsidiary Bodies. Delegations expressed their satisfaction with the preparatory work done by the secretariat which provided a useful starting point for the preliminary version of the OEP. They supported the decision made by the Senior Economic Advisers that, following the ad hoc meeting of experts to be held in August 1975, the preliminary version of the OEP should be submitted for comments by Governments and ECE Subsidiary Bodies. There was agreement that the goals of the OEP could not be achieved without the continuous support of both Governments and the Principal Subsidiary Bodies and that the project should be developed using a step-by-step approach.

143. The work done by the Senior Economic Advisers with respect to basic products and energy, as well as their decision to co-ordinate closely activities in this field with the Over-all Economic Perspective, received support. Several delegates stated that further relevant information on long-term prospects for basic products and energy would be supplied by their Governments.

144. Appreciation was expressed of the value of the Seminars held during the past year. The success of the Seminar on the Use of Systems of Models in Planning held in Moscow in December 1974 was mentioned by some delegates and the USSR Government was thanked for its gracious hospitality and its contribution to the work of the Seminar. The conclusions of the Seminar were noted and it was suggested that exchanges of views on the use of models in planning should be organized from time to time. Delegates also commended the Senior Economic Advisers for co-sponsoring, together with Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems, the Seminar on the Ecological Aspects of Economic Development Planning held in Rotterdam (Netherlands) in April 1975. Interest was expressed in the seminar planned for 1976 on certain aspects of the Over-all Economic Perspective and some delegations stated that such a seminar could be the first step in considering the role of international factors in long-term growth.

145. At its tenth meeting, the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted unanimously its decision on the terms of reference of the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments (for the text, see Part IV, decision C(XXX)).

#### Steel Committee

146. The discussion on this item was based on the report of the Steel Committee's forty-second session (ECE/STEEL/8), summarizing the Steel Committee's activities in 1974 and setting out its programmes of work and priorities.

147. Delegates expressed their Governments' general views concerning the work done under the auspices of the Steel Committee and they also commented on the particular projects included in the short and long-term programmes of work which had been adopted.

148. The work undertaken by the Committee was considered to be highly satisfactory. Particular reference was made to the value of the analysis of short-term trends in the steel market, to the study on long-term prospects for steel consumption, production and trade until 1985 and outlook for 1990 and the projects dealing with the changing

pattern of energy use and structural changes in the iron and steel industry. Some delegations drew attention to the fact that studies undertaken by the Committee were devoted basically to economic aspects and to a lesser degree to the scientific and technological achievements in this field. Concerning forecasting work, the delegation of Yugoslavia stressed the importance of the methodology to be adopted while some other delegations underlined the significance of this project which might be helpful in taking decisions relating to the iron and steel sector. The USSR delegation suggested that in the steel market review for 1975 a separate chapter be included dealing with a new steelmaking technology or possibly with availability of and/or requirements for energy and raw material resources in the iron and steel industry.

149. Delegations expressed their Governments' satisfaction with the work carried out by the Committee in the field of steel technology and its economic aspects which was carried out by means of seminars, symposia and study tours. In this context, particular reference was made to the successful Seminar on the Use of Steel in Motor-Vehicle Manufacture, held in Geneva in December 1974. Some delegates referred also to the Seminar on the Use of Pre-reduced Material in Electric Arc Furnaces to be held in Romania in the Spring of 1976, stressing its importance in view of the topicality of the subject particularly in relation to scrap use. It was also suggested that the findings of seminars should more fully be reflected in the programmes of work of the Committee. The delegation of the USSR expressed regret that until now all seminars and symposia held under the auspices of the Steel Committee were undertaken in socialist countries with the exception of one which was organized in Geneva and in this connexion this delegation mentioned the desirability that invitations for organizing seminars and symposia be spread more equally between western and eastern countries. Study tours were cited as an effective means of promoting direct contact between government officials and industrial experts from countries with different social and economic systems. Satisfaction was also expressed over the Committee's participation in the project of the Senior Advisers on Environmental Problems concerning low-waste and non-waste technology.

150. Commenting on the long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, delegations expressed their general satisfaction with its scope and contents. Some delegations, however, expressed their regrets at the Committee's decision to drop a number of items from its list of projects. In this connexion it was pointed out that the Steel Committee during its next session would review its long-term programme of work in the light of the most recent developments in the iron and steel industry. The United Kingdom delegation stated that particular emphasis should be given to choosing topics that would attract the active interest of the relevant sectors of the iron and steel industry.

151. It was suggested by some delegations that despite the high level of efficiency of the Committee's activities the programme of work should not be overburdened by undertaking too many studies at the same time especially taking into account the limited resources available to the Committee. Some delegations laid emphasis on the need for speedier publication of complete studies.



Timber Committee

152. During the discussion of the report of the Timber Committee on its thirty-second session (ECE/TIM/5) delegates expressed their Governments' general evaluation of the work done under the auspices of that Committee during the past year and presented their Governments' views on particular projects included in the short- and long-term programmes of work which had been adopted. Suggestions were also made on further activities which should be undertaken.
153. Delegations stressed the importance of the study being undertaken on timber trends and prospects in the ECE region from 1950 to 2000 and stated their expectation that the study could provide data of great utility for their Governments when drawing up policies for the forestry and wood-processing sector.
154. Delegations also welcomed the holding of the Symposium on Forests and Wood: their Role in the Environment, to be held jointly with the FAO European Forestry Commission in September 1975 at Interlaken at the invitation of the Government of Switzerland. They considered that the subjects covered by the Symposium were of great importance and usefulness.
155. Some delegations noted that in the present difficult economic circumstances, discussions on the situation and outlook for the forest products market at the Timber Committee's thirty-second session had played a valuable part in minimizing the problems resulting from the demand/supply imbalances. Delegations considered that the Committee's annual market discussions continued to play a useful role and were an important part of its work.
156. Some delegations stressed the importance of studies which contained scientific and technological aspects or assessments in the forestry and in the wood-processing industries in order to reach a comprehensive rationalization in these sectors. Delegations also considered it of great importance that timber should be harvested, processed and used in the most rational and economic way possible and noted with satisfaction the continuance of the Committee's programme of exchange of scientific and technical information, notably through the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Working Techniques and Training of Forest Workers and its subsidiary bodies and through seminars and symposia held under the auspices of the Provisional Group of Experts on the Wood-working Industry. Delegations also stated that recent work carried out on the stress-grading of structural coniferous sawn timber would facilitate international trade in this product as well as increasing the rational and economic use of wood. The decision by the Committee to initiate work on standards for finger jointed sawn timber was welcomed by several delegations.
157. Referring to the international comparability of forest and forest products statistics which in their view was still unsatisfactory in several sectors, some delegations indicated they attached great importance to the fundamental work undertaken by the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest and Forest Products Statistics.
158. Delegations noted that the Timber Committee continued its close and fruitful co-operation with FAO, and, within ECE, that it was organizing jointly with the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning a Seminar on Industrial Production and Use of Wood-based Products in the Building Industry. The delegation of Canada, however, considered that further efforts should be made to improve co-operation and co-ordination within ECE and with other international organizations.

159. The delegation of Finland stated that it would be useful if ECE intensified its work in the field of land-use planning and helped Governments achieve a true co-ordination of all land-using interests and sectors.

160. In the course of the discussion, the following suggestions were made concerning new work or special emphasis in ongoing work:

- study and exchange of views on methods of strengthening less dense hardwood species in order to use them instead of other hardwood for floors and other structural applications (Byelorussian SSR)
- the use of hardwood for the production of wood-based panels (Byelorussian SSR)
- study and definition of technical requirements and norms for the transport of wood in whole-tree form on public roads (Byelorussian SSR)
- more attention should be given to the economic efficiency of forest work, the reduction of pollution by the pulp, paper and other wood-working industries, the use of modern means of transport in the timber economy (Romania)
- publication of the results contained in the European section of the most recent enquiry of the FAO World Forest Inventory, with sections on age-classes, rotation periods and species structure as well as management policies (Romania)
- inclusion in the Timber Bulletin for Europe of a bibliographical review and a report on the situation of standardization work in the forest products field, to be prepared in co-operation with the ISO (Romania)
- study of the problems of preparation and use of technological chips produced on the felling site (Byelorussian SSR and USSR)
- resumption of publication of periodic catalogues dealing with basic aspects of wood technology or equipment notes from different countries, perhaps in collaboration with FAO (USSR).

161. The delegation of Canada expressed the view that the usefulness of some of the Committee's statistical studies, notably its end-use studies, was reduced by the lack of comparability of data between countries, and considered that the harmonization work of the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest and Forest Products Statistics should take precedence over those studies. Furthermore, it suggested that the work of the Committee would be enhanced by directing its efforts more specifically to problem solving. The delegation also stated that while the Committee's symposia and other ad hoc meetings allowed a useful exchange of technical and other information, they frequently did not provide for formal follow-up action, even where problem areas suitable for follow-up action had been identified.

Committee on the Development of Trade

162. The report of the Committee on the Development of Trade on its twenty-third session was considered in the Plenary under item 5(a) of the agenda (see paragraphs 184-192 below).

Committee on Water Problems

163. During the discussion of the report of the Committee on Water Problems (ECE/WATER/10), delegates expressed their Governments' general approval of the work done under the auspices of the Committee and its subsidiary body, the Group of Experts on Aspects of Water Quality and Quantity, and presented their views and suggestions on the present and future activities of the Committee. Comments were made by certain delegations on the increasing importance of water resources policies for economic and social development. The opinion was expressed that the Committee should accelerate and expand its present activities in water pollution control and should include more general ecological aspects. Some delegations pointed out the value of the Committee's work and recommendations for the preparation of national plans and policies on water resources.

164. Many delegations expressed their Governments' support for the present orientation of the Committee's activities. They also welcomed its contribution to the preparation of the United Nations Water Conference, to be held in Buenos Aires (Argentina) in 1977. Reference was made to the following water problems as being of particular concern at the present time: the provision of economic incentives in water supply and waste water disposal systems; the protection of inland waters against accidental pollution by oil and oil products; rational methods of flood control planning in river basin development; elaboration of recommendations for improving automatic systems for water resources management; and protection of coastal waters against pollution from land-based sources. Delegations expressed particular satisfaction over the organization of a seminar on the latter subject, to be held in Lisbon (Portugal), in November 1975.

165. Delegations participating in the discussion stressed the necessity of introducing long-term planning in water resources management in order to reduce the risk of serious supply shortages and of irreversible damage to the environment. Accordingly, they welcomed the organization in 1976 of a seminar on this subject co-sponsored by the Committee on Water Problems and the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems. The delegation of Bulgaria conveyed an offer from its Government to provide host facilities for the seminar.

166. In the opinion of several delegations, the Committee on Water Problems should, because of the complex and multisectorial character of water policy problems, continue its present efforts to carry out its activities in close co-operation with other ECE bodies and other international organizations. Special reference was made to the translation of the CMEA Glossary on water management undertaken by the Committee as an example of the close co-operation existing between ECE and this organization. The delegation of Spain informed the meeting that the Spanish version of the Glossary had been completed. The representative of CMEA mentioned the possibility of including the translated Glossary in the ECE contribution to the United Nations Water Conference if it were available by that date.

167. In the course of the discussion delegations made the following suggestions for the initiation of new work:

- elaboration of methods and criteria for the optimization of waste water treatment, and the possible use of official subsidies as incentives (Austria);
- new methods and technologies for the utilization of the potential of the heat of cooling waters (Bulgaria);
- elaboration of unified methods for establishing standards on water quality (Bulgaria and the USSR);
- elaboration of basic principles of international agreements on water problems, in co-operation with the International Law Association (Hungary);
- the setting-up of automatic alarm systems for monitoring accidental pollution (Romania);
- application of advanced technologies in waste water treatment (Romania);
- protection of water sources against pollution from cattle breeding, household and industrial uses, and thermal power plants (USSR).

168. Comments were made regarding work at present under way or envisaged in existing programmes, and in particular some delegations made suggestions to give a higher priority to the following projects now in the long-term programme of work:

- administrative and financial arrangements in river basin management applicable to different governmental systems (Austria);
- investments in, and planning and management of, water resources use at regional and local level (Austria);
- study of the technique of purification of industrial effluents (especially in the pulp and paper industry) (Austria);
- economic problems arising because of eutrophication of lakes and reservoirs and methods of control (Austria);
- methods of efficient protection and improvement of the environment in water resources development, and specification of environmental indicators regarding water, with particular attention to social considerations (Netherlands).

169. The delegation of Romania referred to the preparatory work for the international conference of riparian countries of the Danube, and in particular mentioned that the elaboration of water balances, water pollution control and flood control had been adopted as the main topics for the conference.

Resolutions bearing on the work of the Commission adopted by the  
Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly

(Agenda item 4(d))

170. In the course of the general debate in the Plenary, delegations referred to the provisions of relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council during the past year. Some delegations commented, inter alia, on the resolutions adopted by the Sixth Special session of the General Assembly (3201 and 3202(S-VI)) and by the Economic and Social Council (1911(LVII)) on the subject of the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and to the passages in the Executive Secretary's report dealing with the orientation and adaptation of the Commission's programme of work in the light of the requests of ECOSOC on this subject (E/ECE/875, para. 53). His suggestions on this subject were noted with interest by some delegations which considered that the Commission had a responsibility to review the contribution which it could make in this field. Reference was also made in this connexion to the Secretary-General's message to the thirtieth session, in which it was stated that "although the ECE was established to focus on problems facing Governments of its region, these problems cannot and should not be examined in isolation, and must be seen as part of the world-wide complex of problems which Governments are endeavouring to resolve through collective action through the United Nations". Several delegations stressed that East-West co-operation should continue to be the main preoccupation of the Commission. A number of delegations stressed the great significance of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the ECOSOC on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order. Several delegations recalled that a number of Governments, while accepting many elements in these resolutions, had been unable to accept others. (See also paragraph 42 above and paragraphs 173-178 below.)

171. On the occasion of the International Women's Year and of the forthcoming Conference to be held on this subject in Mexico, the Commission heard a statement by Mrs. Helvi Sipilä, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, and Secretary-General of the International Women's Year and the World Conference of the International Women's Year. A number of delegations referred in their statements to resolution 3260(XXIX) and related resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, and to resolution 1849(LVII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council on the International Women's Year, mentioned the measures taken in their countries regarding the status of women and expressed the hope that maximum progress would be achieved in this direction within the near future.

172. In the course of the discussion, the importance of the following General Assembly resolutions was stressed by various delegations: 3093(XXVIII) and 3254(XXIX) on the reduction of the military budgets of States permanent members of the Security Council by 10 per cent and utilization of part of the funds thus saved to provide assistance to developing countries; 3281(XXIX) on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States; 3325(XXIX) on United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (HABITAT), and 3344(XXIX) on the World Population Conference.

Commission's contribution to the United Nations programmes designed  
to assist less-developed countries

(Agenda item 4(e))

173. In the course of the discussion in the Plenary, suggestions were made on the contribution which ECE was making and could make to United Nations programmes designed to assist less-developed countries in response to relevant recommendations of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. Support was given by a number of delegations to the Executive Secretary's suggestions contained in his report E/ECE/875 for an intensification of ECE's ties with the other regional economic commissions through document exchanges, common research on problems of mutual interest and wider participation of experts from developing countries in the ECE activities. In this connexion, some delegations commented favourably on the suggestion that representatives of secretariats of the other regional commissions should also take part in meetings of direct and special interest to the countries of their respective regions.

174. Attention was drawn to the problems dealt with in such international meetings as the World Food Conference held in Rome (Italy) in 1974, the World Population Conference, held in Bucharest (Romania) in 1974, the Conference on the Law of the Sea, the Conference of developing countries on raw materials held in Dakar (Senegal) in 1975, the Second General Conference of UNIDO held in Lima (Peru) in 1975; and to the preparations for the Seventh Special session of the General Assembly to be held in September 1975.

175. The opinion was expressed by some delegations that the ECE should help in the implementation of the decisions of the Sixth Special session of the General Assembly and of the above-mentioned meetings. It was also suggested by one delegation that a study be made of the possible effects of the changes in the economic structure of the ECE region on the economy of the other regions.

176. Other delegations were of the opinion that the solution of problems of development should be sought not in ECE but in those bodies in which the developing countries could fully participate in the discussions, it being understood that in those bodies the ECE countries should play their part. Some delegations expressed the opinion that since the ECE region accounted for two thirds of the world's production and export of food products, it had an important part to play in seeking solutions to short- and long-term food problems in the world, and that in particular the ECE could contribute with respect to fertilizers, transfer of technology and agricultural research.

177. Some delegations referred to the special problems of the less-developed countries in the ECE region and to the efforts made by the Commission with a view to studying and contributing to the solution of these problems. They expressed the hope that the Commission would pay increasing attention to the development problems of these countries (see also paragraphs 42 and 170 above).

178. The delegation of Yugoslavia outlined the motives and reasons underlying its proposal of a resolution on global co-operation. It expressed its regret over the fact that it had not been possible to reach consensus. However, it likewise expressed its hope that an improved climate, at the next session, would render a consensus possible. It pointed out, in particular, that it was surprised at the approach

towards the proposal by those delegations which had otherwise voted in favour of the respective resolutions. Moreover, it pointed out that the Economic Commission for Europe, as an integral part of the United Nations system, was responsible for discharging its duties arising out of its competence with respect to the implementation of the Declaration and the Programme of Action of the Sixth Special session of the United Nations General Assembly. It likewise stressed that the Economic Commission for Europe was above all concerned with the promotion of regional co-operation, but that it could not confine itself to that area only. ECE's terms of reference enabled the Commission to be more actively committed to co-operation with other regions as well. The delegation indicated a possibility of having this question raised at the next session of the Economic and Social Council. The delegation of Romania supported the views expressed by the delegation of Yugoslavia.

Co-operation with other international organizations

(Agenda item 4(f))

179. In the course of the general discussion in the Plenary, several delegations referred with satisfaction to the information contained in the Executive Secretary's Note E/ECE/879 describing the useful working relationships between the Commission and its secretariat on the one hand, and other international organizations and their secretariats on the other. The importance of such co-operation as a means of avoiding any unnecessary duplication was stressed by several delegations. Special reference was made in this connexion to ECE's co-operation with UNDP, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNEP, FAO, UNESCO and other United Nations agencies as well as with such intergovernmental organizations as CMEA and EEC and to co-operation between the secretariat of ECE and the secretariats of other intergovernmental organizations.

180. The Commission heard a statement by the representative of UNESCO who referred to the activities of his organization in the ECE region which were relevant to the work of the Commission and to a number of projects on which both organizations were co-operating.

181. In his statement the representative of the Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization referred to the fruitful co-operation existing between his organization and the ECE and to the projects of common interest in the programmes of both organizations as well as to the joint activities which could result for WHO and ECE from the conclusions of the CSCE.

182. The Commission also heard a statement by the representative of the CMEA who reported on the activities of his organization in the past year and on measures being undertaken for co-operation among the CMEA member countries. He drew attention to the growth of the economies of the CMEA countries, and referred to the further strengthening of co-operation between CMEA and ECE with a view to promoting the development of equitable and mutually beneficial co-operation among all ECE countries. Some delegations having supported this statement, stated that they were in favour of further widening co-operation between ECE and CMEA as well as between ECE and the Danube Commission.

183. The representative of the EEC in his statement to the Commission referred to some of the suggestions made in the Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/875, referred to the multilateral trade negotiations under the auspices of GATT as well as to the Community's recent offer of trade negotiations with centrally planned economy countries, and noted that several ECE projects in the fields of trade and agriculture were of special interest to his organization.

Development of Trade: Report of the Committee on the Development of  
Trade on its twenty-third session

(Agenda item 5(a))

184. For the consideration of this item the Commission had before it the report of the Committee on the Development of Trade on its twenty-third session (ECE/TRADE/121) and a Note by the Executive Secretary on the Development of Trade (E/ECE/880) prepared pursuant to Commission decision C(XXIX). During the examination of the Committee's report, reference was also made to the account of the Commission's activities in the field of international trade contained in the Executive Secretary's Annual Report (E/ECE/874), and in his report on future activities of the Commission (E/ECE/875).

185. Delegations described the development of their countries' trade with other ECE countries in the past year, and commented on measures which could be taken in order to ensure its future expansion. Delegations also evaluated the work done under the auspices of the Committee on the Development of Trade and referred to the future prospects for its work.

186. Delegations noted with satisfaction a further expansion of east-west trade and economic co-operation in Europe during 1974. There was agreement that there still remained a large potential for a further growth of this trade and economic co-operation. The usefulness of large-scale and long-term forms of co-operation was particularly stressed by a number of delegations. However, several delegations observed that the upsurge in the value of that trade was influenced by rising prices. Some delegations referred to the instability in trading relations and other negative effects of the recessionary and inflationary pressures being experienced in many countries.

187. The extension of the network of long-term bilateral agreements on economic, commercial, industrial or technological co-operation was described by some delegations and references were made to the satisfactory functioning of the joint governmental commissions that had been created to ensure the expansion of trade and economic co-operation. A number of delegations indicated that their Governments intended to notify the secretariat of the texts of new agreements concluded by them, as well as of changes in the conditions of implementation, in accordance with the decision taken by the twenty-third session of the Committee on the Development of Trade. The importance of a framework for long-term trade relations was stressed by several delegations which cited the importance of ensuring stability for the execution of contracts. Referring with satisfaction to a new type of bilateral trade agreement concluded by their Governments the delegations concerned - Finland, on the one hand, and Bulgaria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and the German Democratic Republic on the other - commented on the interest and advantages of those agreements. The delegation of Finland stated that these arrangements were aimed at solving in a fair and reasonable way the problems arising for Finland from the economic integration processes in eastern and western



Europe and at further developing Finland's economic relations with these countries. Reference was also made to Finland's agreement with the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance as another relatively new form for economic co-operation within the ECE area. Some delegations drew attention to the desirability of concluding new trade agreements in cases where earlier agreements had expired and referred to the offer of negotiations made by the European Economic Community to east European countries as a means of promoting the expansion of trade.

188. In their review of trade and trade policy developments over the past year, some delegations expressed their Governments' regret that a number of discriminatory restrictions were still applied in east-west trade, and that certain protectionist measures had been introduced during 1974 with resultant adverse effects on traditional trade flows. Some other delegations referred to the economic and social problems which had made the application of safeguards necessary, and suggested that their partners should seek to expand their exports in fields other than those where demand could not be expected to increase substantially in the near future. Satisfaction, however, was expressed by some delegations that at least one country, namely Austria, had removed as of 1 January 1975 import restrictions in the industrial sector including those in its trade with the east and these delegations urged that definite and final measures to this end be made by other countries in 1975.

189. The fact that most-favoured-nation treatment was not yet universally accepted in bilateral relations was regretted by some delegations. The delegation of the United States stated that its Government intended to seek new powers enabling it to enter into negotiations to extend most-favoured-nation treatment to all countries in the ECE region.

190. All delegations which commented on the practical work for the promotion of trade carried out under the auspices of the Committee appreciated the progress made in the implementation of the work programme. Some delegations stated that their Governments regretted that the Committee on the Development of Trade had not so far been able to make much progress in reaching agreed solutions to trade policy problems. They also stated that the elaboration of concrete recommendations aimed at a further expansion of east-west trade on the basis of most-favoured-nation treatment and elimination of all kinds of discrimination was still the main task of the Committee on the Development of Trade and the Commission as a whole. Some other delegations stressed once again that at present a pragmatic approach to the solution of existing problems, i.e. the work undertaken on the facilitation of international trade procedures, international standardization affecting trade and international contract practices in industry and agriculture, appeared to be more appropriate than futile discussions of principles. Some delegations indicated their Governments' interest in the third Seminar on East-West Trade Promotion, Marketing and Business Contacts which would be devoted to licensing and leasing. A number of delegations supported the proposal made by the Executive Secretary that a further contribution to the promotion of better methods of international marketing, especially in east-west commercial relations, should be made through the organization of meetings at which business representatives were brought together in an intergovernmental framework for discussions on problems of common interest (E/ECE/875, paragraph 32). With regard to the forthcoming meeting of experts on industrial co-operation and the informal meeting of trade policy experts, all delegations agreed with the Committee's decision to postpone these two meetings until such time as it would be possible to take full account of the results of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

191. The delegation of Romania suggested that the Generalized System of Preferences, as well as other measures facilitating access to the markets of developed market economy countries, should be applied in a non-discriminatory manner to all countries which considered that their stage of economic development made these measures applicable. The delegation of Yugoslavia said that the study under way on temporary labour migration could be of very great use.

192. Following this discussion, the Commission adopted unanimously at its tenth meeting, its decision on the development of trade (for the text see Part IV, decision D(XXX)).

#### Industrial Co-operation

(Agenda item 5(b))

193. For the consideration of this item the Commission had before it a note by the Executive Secretary (E/ECE/881) prepared pursuant to Commission decision D(XXIX).

194. Some delegations expressed the active interest taken by their Governments in fostering and encouraging long term, large scale co-operation between industries in different countries. Experience had shown that such industrial co-operation could be mutually beneficial as a means of bringing about a broader international division of labour and transfer of economic and technological information and accelerating and diversifying mutual exchanges. It was pointed out that the question was not whether but how to create a favourable framework for this kind of economic partnership. A number of delegations referred to the network of long-term bilateral intergovernmental agreements which provided a useful framework for the extension of industrial co-operation and to the fact that an increasing number of contracts had been concluded in recent years. Some delegations suggested that bilateral agreements of this kind and the work of the Joint Commissions set up to implement them should be supplemented by multilateral action. Some delegations emphasized that whilst intergovernmental agreements could provide the framework for industrial co-operation, such agreements could not replace commercial interest as a main driving force behind industrial co-operation.

195. Several delegations, while underlining the intergovernmental character of the Commission's work, stressed the desirability of involving representatives of industry and commerce more actively in future activities to encourage industrial co-operation. The creation of a centre for industrial co-operation was suggested by one delegation although other delegations questioned the usefulness to business enterprises of such a centre. In connexion with the proposal by the Executive Secretary contained in paragraph 32 of document E/ECE/875, some delegations stated that it would be preferable for the secretariat to sound out the views of the International Chamber of Commerce and of national Chambers of Commerce on what specific topics might be most suitable as subject matter for a meeting of the type proposed.

196. The important role which Governments could play in this field as in others by granting privileged treatment to trade in products of industrial co-operation and by removing various barriers to it was stressed by a number of delegations. Some other delegations stated that progress had been made by adopting a pragmatic approach to the solution of existing problems. Many delegations also considered that the ECE should

continue to prepare analytical studies of industrial co-operation. There was wide support for the view that it would be useful to bring up to date the material contained in the Executive Secretary's Analytical Report on Industrial Co-operation (E/ECE/844/Rev.1), thereby enabling a better quantification of this co-operation and a more precise determination of the impact of co-operation agreements.

197. As regards future activities, it was suggested by some delegations that the Second Meeting of Experts on Industrial Co-operation, to be convened as soon as possible after the results of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe were made available should also consider the possibility of setting up a Working Party or Group of Experts on industrial co-operation. Delegations pointed out the importance of the work done by the Group of Experts on International Contract Practices in Industry on a guide for drawing up contracts on industrial co-operation. In that connexion the delegation of Romania suggested that the Group should also elaborate model contracts for joint ventures and consortia.

198. Following the discussion, the Commission adopted unanimously at its tenth meeting its decision on industrial co-operation (for the text see Part IV, decision E(XXX)).

#### Energy problems in the ECE region

(Agenda item 5(c))

199. This item was allocated by the Plenary to the Sessional Committee for preliminary consideration. Two documents were before the Committee: a Note by the Executive Secretary on Energy Problems in the ECE Region (E/ECE/882 and Addenda 1 and 2); and a Study on Measures taken, or which might be taken, to Achieve Increased Economy and Efficiency in the Extraction, Conversion, Transport and Use of Energy in the ECE Region (E/ECE/883 and Addendum 1), prepared by the Executive Secretary in pursuance of Commission decision E (XXIX).

200. Delegations taking part in the discussion stated that energy problems were in the forefront of the attention of Governments. They expressed their appreciation of the fact that the Commission and its subsidiary organs had shown a greater awareness of these problems and were actively striving to find solutions to them. Some delegations indicated their Governments' willingness to participate in co-operation in this field within the framework of ECE. A number of delegations supplemented their statements with reports on the energy situation in their respective countries and on the energy policies pursued by their Governments.

201. Referring to the work programmes of the Commission's Principal Subsidiary Bodies in the energy field as reported in E/ECE/882, many delegations noted that various aspects of energy problems were being examined in almost all of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission and under various angles. The synoptic presentation of these activities (E/ECE/882/Add.1) was welcomed. Delegations underlined in particular the importance of scientific and technical co-operation in this field. It was suggested by several delegations that intergovernmental co-operation within ECE should also be further strengthened with respect to new forms of energy and the technologies for such new forms. Particular mention was made of the need for studies of intensified prospecting effort (Spain), of the transmission

of energy over long distances (GDR), application of new technology in production, transportation, distribution and consumption of energy aimed at a better utilization of traditional sources of energy as well as utilization of new kinds of energy, such as solar, geothermal and tidal energy, of fusion (Spain, USSR), of the gasification of coal, of heat insulation, of problems in the field of silicate research and in the application of glass and ceramics (GDR), and of technologies for the use of low calorie fuels, on which latter subject a symposium would be held in Bulgaria in 1976. Some delegations, whilst welcoming the progress already achieved, advocated a further effort at co-ordinating the activities of the various Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned with energy problems.

202. Delegations noted the usefulness of the Study on Measures taken, or which might be taken, to Achieve Increased Economy and Efficiency in the Extraction, Conversion, Transport and Use of Energy in the ECE Region (E/ECE/883 and Add.1). Several delegations suggested the document be given widest possible circulation in printed form, after inclusion of any new information from Governments as well as from other sources, which might have become available recently, and taking into account comments made during the present session. It was suggested that those Governments which had not yet done so should supply information on national energy conservation policies for inclusion in Chapter III. The delegation of the German Democratic Republic suggested that Chapter I should be extended to reflect the diversity of approaches of ECE Governments. The USSR delegation recommended that the study be supplemented with information (on a broader scale) about the measures on rational use of energy, being undertaken in the USSR and other socialist countries. The delegation of Hungary suggested that additional emphasis could be placed on the cost/benefit analysis of conservation techniques, and that an appraisal be made of the increase in efficiency brought about so far by the intensification of east-west co-operation in energy use. The delegation of Yugoslavia proposed an enquiry into the savings achieved as a result of government measures. The delegation of Sweden favoured a further elaboration of the study with respect to the savings potential in the industry sector.

203. Consideration was given to the follow-up of this study and to the suggestions contained therein. There was a consensus that the study deserved detailed examination. It was suggested that the Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned be requested to proceed with an examination of the report from the point of view of their respective fields of responsibility, and to include their observations in their reports to the thirty-first session of the Commission. In addition, it was generally agreed that an ad hoc meeting should examine the revised and up-dated report contained in document E/ECE/883 and Add.1 and comments of Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned thereon, with a view to drawing up recommendations to the Commission for possible future work on energy economy and efficiency in the ECE region, although it was emphasized that this meeting should not be regarded in any way as leading to new institutions in the ECE in the field of energy. It was also suggested that the Executive Secretary should revise and update the study especially to take into account recent information submitted by Governments and to survey the relevant work of other international bodies, with the aim to avoid duplication of efforts.

204. The question of the timing of the ad hoc meeting of experts was considered. It was suggested that the meeting should take place as soon as practicable prior to the next Commission session. Some delegations suggested that it would not be desirable for the meeting to be held prior to the conclusion of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

205. Some delegations made suggestions for special studies related to energy conservation:

- econometric models as a tool for assessing optimum solutions to energy savings problems (Netherlands, USSR);
- investment needs for the development of energy saving technologies (Spain);
- consumer demand policies and the reduction of energy inputs into processing (Spain);
- environmental implications of energy conservation policies (Spain);
- assessment of the economic impact of the various energy conservation measures (Romania);
- the need for more rational extraction techniques (Poland).

206. The Executive Secretary stated that it was his intention to follow up the recommendations of the Symposium held in Alma Ata (USSR) in 1973 on model building in the energy sectors and to suggest after consultation with Governments specific topics for future symposia on this subject.

207. At its tenth meeting, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, the Commission adopted unanimously its decision on energy problems in the ECE region (for the text, see Part IV, decision F(XXX)).

Standardization  
(Agenda item 5(d))

208. This item was allocated by the Plenary for preliminary consideration in the Sessional Committee. The Committee had before it a report by the Executive Secretary drawn up pursuant to Commission decision F (XXIX) on the activities of the Commission in the field of standardization (E/ECE/884), and the report of the Third Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies (ECE/STAND/14).

209. During the discussion delegates expressed their Governments' general appreciation of the work carried out by the Commission's subsidiary bodies in the field of standardization, special attention being paid in this respect to the results of the Third Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies held in June 1974, which was considered to have made an important contribution towards international standardization as well as towards the creation of favourable conditions for the further development of international trade and of scientific, technological and industrial co-operation.

210. The decisions taken by the Third Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies were widely supported. Delegates stressed the need for broad implementation of the recommendations on legislation by "reference to standards" and for equality of treatment between imported products and national products in respect of standards and technical regulations, referred to the practical value - to exporters,

in particular - of the list, that had been prepared for publication, of central governmental bodies competent to issue technical regulations, and expressed satisfaction with the adoption of a number of agreed definitions of terms related to standardization. Some delegations reported that the recommendations adopted by the Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies were currently being put into effect by the competent authorities in their countries.

211. Some delegations took the view that the diversity and importance of the tasks entrusted to the Meetings of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies, taken together with the fact that these activities did not duplicate the work of other international organizations, justified consideration being given at an appropriate future date to the organization of ECE work on standardization policies on a more continuing institutional basis.

212. Satisfaction was expressed with the programme of future activities drawn up by the Third Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies, implementation of which had been commenced by the Group of Experts established after the Third Meeting. Delegations taking part in the discussion stated that their Governments looked forward to the achievement of practical results by the Fourth Meeting of Government Officials, especially in the field of co-ordination of international standardization activities, conformity certification, more precise definition of priorities for international standardization, harmonization of national standards and technical regulations. The need was also stressed for further action by Governments in the solution of particular problems - such as prevention of barriers to trade - related to standardization.

213. Following the discussion, the Sessional Committee decided to recommend to the Plenary the adoption of the decision contained in paragraph 15 of document E/ECE/884, as amended by the incorporation of an additional sub-paragraph (d)(iii) proposed by the delegation of Finland.

214. At its tenth meeting, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, the Commission adopted unanimously its decision on standardization (for the text, see Part IV, decision G(XXX)).

#### Automation

(Agenda item 5(e))

215. This item was allocated by the Plenary for preliminary consideration by the Sessional Committee. The Committee had before it the Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/885 which had been prepared pursuant to operative paragraph (c) of Commission decision G (XXIX).

216. Delegations taking part in the discussion expressed their Government's support for the activities of the Working Party on Automation and their desire that it be continued under the present arrangements. The value of exchanges of scientific and technological experience in the field of automation and of statistical work under way was particularly emphasized.

217. The delegation of Italy noted with satisfaction that the activities of the Working Party on Automation attracted increased interest not only from Governments but also from industry and specialized institutions active in related fields. The usefulness of seminars as a method of work was stressed by the delegation of the USSR. Appreciation was expressed to the Czechoslovak Government for the invitation to hold a seminar on the techno-economic and organizational aspects of integrated automated production systems in engineering in Brno in 1976.

218. The delegation of the United Kingdom pointed out that a large number of international organizations were currently dealing with various aspects of automation and suggested that the objectives and scope of the activities of the Working Party on Automation should be defined more clearly.

219. The delegation of the German Democratic Republic stressed the importance of the study on the economic efficiency of automation in different industrial branches and stated that this study should also help to define more clearly areas of special interest for further work by the Working Party on Automation. The decision of the third session of the Working Party on Automation that the work programme should give special attention to automated manufacturing and industrial management in labour intensive industries, was cited as an indication of an effort towards selectivity.

220. In the opinion of several delegations the Seminar on Automated Industrial Production and its Social and Economic Consequences, which had been held at the invitation of the French Government in 1974 in Lyons, was a particularly valuable contribution to an international exchange of experience and co-operation.

221. The delegation of the USSR informed the Sessional Committee of the preparations for the forthcoming Seminar on the Use of Automated Process Control Systems in Industry to be held in Moscow from 26-31 May 1975. Several delegations expressed their appreciation and interest in this Seminar.

222. Following this discussion, the Sessional Committee decided to recommend to the Plenary the adoption of the decision contained in paragraph 7 of document E/ECE/885.

223. At its tenth meeting, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, the Commission adopted unanimously its decision on automation (for the text, see Part IV, decision H(XXX)).

#### Engineering Industries

(Agenda item 5(f))

224. In considering this item, allocated by the Plenary for preliminary consideration in the Sessional Committee, the Committee had before it the report by the Executive Secretary (E/ECE/886) on the implementation of Commission decision H (XXIX).

225. Delegations taking part in the discussion recognized the importance of the role of engineering industries in the economies of ECE countries and expressed their Governments' satisfaction that fruitful international economic and technological co-operation exists in this field. Some delegations pointed out that because of the size and complexity of the engineering industries it was desirable carefully to select specific topics which were appropriate for study in the ECE framework.

226. Appreciation was expressed of the progress made in implementing the short-term programme of work adopted by the Third ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Engineering Industries held in 1973. The study Role and Place of the Engineering Industries in National and World Economies (ECE/ENGIN/3) was cited as being of importance not only on a national level but also as a basis for further international co-operation. The United Kingdom delegation suggested that this study should be updated in the future.

227. The Seminar on Techno-economic Aspects and Results of Anti-corrosion Measures in the Engineering Industries held in January 1975 in Geneva was particularly appreciated by delegations taking part in the discussion. The delegations of the Federal Republic of Germany and the USSR suggested that another seminar in the field of corrosion in two to three years' time would be useful and could provide a forum for exchange of the latest scientific, technological and economic experiences in this field.

228. The work initiated at two ad hoc Meetings of Governmental Experts on two new studies - on special aspects of market trends and prospects in selected branches of the engineering industries dealing with energy and on production of engineering equipment for preventing pollution and techno-economic effectiveness of such equipment - was evaluated as being especially important and as being relevant also to the work of other ECE bodies.

229. Delegations taking part in the discussion reaffirmed their appreciation of the value of the Bulletin of Statistics of World Trade in Engineering Products.

230. The delegations of Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and the USSR confirmed their views that the work of the ECE in the field of engineering industries should be continued in the future on a permanent basis; the delegations of Italy and the United Kingdom stated that in their opinion ECE activities in the field of engineering industries should continue to be carried out on an ad hoc basis.

231. In the course of the discussion the following suggestions were made for the initiation of new work:

- technical innovations for reducing the noise threshold of fixed and mobile machinery (Spain);
- ways of reducing noise in consumer equipment (Spain);
- specific aspects of corrosion problems which might be studied in depth (USSR).

232. A number of delegations expressed the view that it would be useful to convene the Fourth ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Engineering Industries in 1975. Some delegations expressed willingness to adopt the decision suggested in paragraph 8 of document E/ECE/886. The delegations of the United Kingdom and Italy suggested certain changes in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 8.

233. Before the adoption of the above-mentioned sub-paragraph 8(b), the USSR delegation, on behalf also of the delegations of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian SSR, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland and the Ukrainian SSR, stated that they were in full agreement and support of decision H(XXIX) adopted by the previous Commission session on the ECE's activities in the field of engineering,



as well as with the proposals made by the Executive Secretary in document E/ECE/886 and submitted to the present Commission session. At the same time, they re-affirmed their intention to create an atmosphere conducive to fruitful and constructive dialogue during the work of the thirtieth session of the Commission and considered that it was possible to agree to some changes in the formulation of the Executive Secretary's proposal as set out in sub-paragraph 8(b) of the above-mentioned document. In accepting the changed formulation of this proposal, they expressed the hope that with the goodwill of all the ECE member countries, the Commission's activities in such an important sphere as engineering, would develop and improve, thus making a further contribution to international economic, scientific and technological co-operation.

234. Following the discussion, the Sessional Committee agreed to recommend to the Plenary approval of the draft decision presented in paragraph 8 of E/ECE/886 with the following revised formulation of sub-paragraph 8(b):

"To request the Fourth ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Engineering Industries, to be held in 1975, to make a list of topics that are of special interest to ECE member Governments for consideration by the next Commission session in connexion with the possible adoption of ECE's programmes of work and priorities with respect to the engineering industries."

235. At its tenth meeting, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, the Commission adopted unanimously its decision on engineering industries (for the text, see Part IV, decision I(XXX)).

Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry  
in the ECE Region  
(Agenda item 5(g))

236. This item was allocated by the Plenary for preliminary consideration in the Sessional Committee. The Committee had before it the progress report of the Executive Secretary (E/ECE/887) on the Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE region. The information in this report was supplemented by an oral statement by the secretariat on the results of the Second Preparatory Meeting held in February 1975. This meeting had reviewed the draft introductory papers by the rapporteurs and the background study being prepared by the ECE secretariat in co-operation with the International Union of Official Travel Organizations/World Tourism Organization (IUOTO/WTO) and had agreed that the discussion at the Symposium should focus on problems connected with integrated policies and strategies for the development of the tourist industry. In accordance with the decisions of this meeting the programme of the Symposium (ECE/SEM.1/2) had been circulated to member Governments.

237. The delegation of Yugoslavia reported on the preparations for the Symposium in the host country. Organizational arrangements were proceeding well and all information necessary for the issue of the programme had been submitted to the secretariat. It also referred to the introductory discussion paper prepared by the host authorities on some economic effects of foreign tourism in Yugoslavia.

238. Delegations participating in the discussion stressed the importance they attached to the problems connected with the planning and development of tourism in the ECE region. Some of them also referred to specific contributions by their Governments to the documentation of the Symposium in the form of introductory discussion papers to various selected topics or related case studies, as well as to their proposed participation in the Symposium itself.

239. The delegation of Romania pointed out that an exchange of views on practical problems of tourist industry planning would be of particular value to the developing countries of the ECE region. A number of delegations suggested that ECE should take measures to stimulate co-operation in research in the field of tourism and to promote an exchange of views on the orientation to be given to the infrastructure for tourist industry development, with special emphasis on transport. The delegation of Canada expressed its approval of the orientation of the Symposium towards problems of long-range planning, which corresponded to the present preoccupations at the national level. In pointing out that environmental conservation and protection had to go hand in hand with the planning and development of the tourist industry, the delegation of the United Kingdom expressed its satisfaction that this aspect would be taken up at the Symposium.

240. Concern was expressed by many delegations about the possibility of duplication of work on problems of tourism with other international organizations especially with that of IUOTO/WTO. Some delegations expressed reservations about possible future expansion of the Commission's interest in the field of tourism. Some delegations suggested that the consideration of the future activities of ECE in this field should take place only after the Symposium had taken place in October 1975.

241. Following the discussion, the Sessional Committee agreed to recommend to the Plenary the adoption of the decision contained in paragraph 7 of document E/ECE/887.

242. At its tenth meeting, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, the Commission adopted unanimously its decision on the Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE Region (for the text, see Part IV, decision J(XXX)).

Recommendations by the Sessional Committee and action  
taken thereon by the Plenary

243. At its tenth meeting in Plenary the Commission heard a statement by the Chairman of the Sessional Committee, Ambassador Hárs, on the outcome of the deliberations of the Sessional Committee on the reports of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies and on other items assigned to it by the Plenary for preliminary consideration. He informed the Commission that the discussions in the Sessional Committee had been thorough and constructive, and that the introductory statements presented by or on behalf of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of each body had proved very useful in focusing discussion on the main features of the problems under consideration. He added that the delegates taking part in the discussions had presented in an incisive way the views, suggestions and evaluations of their respective Governments, and that many delegates had stressed the importance for the future in ECE work of a successful result of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

244. The Chairman of the Sessional Committee then submitted to the Plenary the Sessional Committee's recommendations on decisions to be taken on the following items of the Agenda:

- Terms of reference of the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments (agenda item 4(c))
- ECE assistance to HABITAT Conference (agenda item 4(c))
- Transport statistics (agenda item 4(c))
- Energy problems in the ECE region (agenda item 5(c))
- Standardization (agenda item 5(d))
- Automation (agenda item 5(e))
- Engineering industries (agenda item 5(f))
- Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE Region (agenda item 5(g)).

245. The Chairman of the Sessional Committee also informed the Plenary that, at its request, the Sessional Committee had considered in a preliminary way the Commission's draft programme of work and priorities for 1975/76 and draft long-term programme of work and priorities for 1976-1980. (For an account of this discussion in the Sessional Committee see paragraphs 250-252 below).

246. The Chairman of the Commission expressed to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Sessional Committee, and through them to the Committee itself, the Commission's appreciation of the excellent manner in which they had dealt with the tasks assigned to them.

247. At the same meeting the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted the decisions referred to in paragraph 244 above, the texts of which are contained in Part IV (Commission decisions A, B, C, F, G, H, I and J(XXX)).

Programme of work and priorities for 1975/76 and long-term  
programme of work and priorities for 1976-1980

(Agenda item 6)

248. For the consideration of this item the Commission had before it the Executive Secretary's Note on the Programme of Work and Priorities for 1975/76 and the long-term programme of work and priorities for 1976-1980 (E/ECE/888) to which was attached in Addendum 1 a set of tables containing a synoptic presentation of the programmes of work of the Commission's Principal Subsidiary Bodies. Addendum 2 to E/ECE/888 contained the ECE section of the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 (extract from A/10006). Copies of the Secretary-General's proposed Medium-Term Plan for 1976-1979 (document E/5614) were also made available to the participants.

249. Pursuant to the request made by the Plenary, the Sessional Committee gave preliminary consideration to this item.

250. In his introductory remarks to the Sessional Committee the Executive Secretary gave supplementary information and explanations on the Secretary-General's proposed ECE programme budget for 1976-1977; on the programme of ECE meetings; on the policies followed by the secretariat in implementing the relevant decisions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies concerning programme integration; and on the documentation for ECE meetings, including the synoptic tables, and the efforts made by Governments and the secretariat to limit documentation to the essential minimum for an adequate implementation of the Commission's programme of work. He also informed the Sessional Committee of his intention to make in future programmatic statements to the Principal Subsidiary Bodies, especially in connexion with any new work they may be deciding to embark upon.

251. Delegations taking part in this discussion referred with satisfaction to the documentation prepared by the Executive Secretary on this item, which they considered informative and useful, especially the synoptic tables, and commented favourably on various points made in his introductory remarks. They also commented on the Secretary-General's proposals for the ECE budget, on the draft short- and long-term programmes of work which were now before the Commission for its approval, and on some of the methods of work used in ECE in implementing its programme of work. The following points were among those made in the course of the discussions:

- While integration of ECE programmes depended primarily on co-ordination at the national level, further efforts should be made by Governments and the secretariat to ensure that ECE's work was concentrated on problems of major interest.
- The need was emphasized for adapting the project priorities and the long-term programme of work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies in the light of the results of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.
- Measures should be taken to reduce the number of preparatory meetings, especially those for seminars and symposia, and in appropriate cases informal consultations should be held instead of the convening of such meetings.
- The hope was expressed that the reports of the Commission's Principal Subsidiary Bodies would be as concise as possible and that the Executive Secretary would continue his efforts to reduce the length of ECE documents.
- The Secretary-General's budget proposals for ECE in 1976-1977 were considered realistic and the modest increases envisaged were warranted. It was suggested that in future it would be useful if the budgetary documentation submitted by the Executive Secretary were to include more precise information of the estimated outlay on specific projects and the manner in which funds are allocated between them.

- The need for further improvement of the Commission's capacity to co-ordinate fully activities under its auspices, in particular the possible improvement in the methods of work of the Sessional Committee on which suggestions should be presented by the Executive Secretary to the next session of the Commission.
- Further efforts should be made to improve co-ordination with the relevant work of other international organizations with a view to avoiding any unnecessary duplication of work.
- The importance was stressed that the Principal Subsidiary Bodies while carrying out studies should try to include in them practical recommendations for the relevant work of the Commission.
- The Executive Secretary's intention to make programmatic statements to the Principal Subsidiary Bodies in order to avoid duplications and overlapping of activities in connexion with new projects was favourably received.
- The flexibility given to Principal Subsidiary Bodies to adapt their programmes to changing needs should be maintained.

252. In his concluding remarks to the Sessional Committee the Executive Secretary replied to specific questions addressed to him during the discussion and offered supplementary information on the points raised.

253. Speaking under this item in the Plenary, the delegate of Bulgaria drew the attention of the Commission to a project concerning the methods of combating foot-and-mouth disease carried out by the Bulgarian Government in co-operation with UNDP and FAO with the aim of establishing an effective barrier against the spreading of this dangerous disease to European countries. He considered that this project was of interest to many European countries and merited the support of the ECE. The delegate of Hungary supported the view of the delegate of Bulgaria.

254. The Executive Secretary, speaking on this item in the Plenary, referred to the full discussion which had taken place in the Sessional Committee on the short- and long-term draft programmes of work and priorities, as well as to the remarks he had made before the Sessional Committee in this connexion (see paragraphs 250 and 252 above). More particularly he referred to the budget proposals of the Secretary-General and expressed the hope that the General Assembly would approve the modest increase which was envisaged for the biennium 1976-1977.

255. A draft resolution on the programme of work of the Commission for 1975/76 and its long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, submitted by the Chairman of the Commission, was adopted unanimously by the Commission at its eleventh meeting (for the text, see Part IV, resolution 3(XXX)).

Other business

(Agenda item 7)

(a) Participation of the Republic of San Marino in the Commission's work

256. At its first meeting the Commission was informed that the Permanent Observer of the Republic of San Marino to the United Nations Office at Geneva had expressed his intention to participate in the thirtieth session of the Commission under article 8 of its terms of reference. In accordance with this request, the Commission adopted its decision on the participation of the Republic of San Marino in the Commission's work, the text of which is reproduced in Part IV (decision K(XXX)).

(b) Participation of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance and the European Economic Community in the Commission's work

257. At its first meeting the Commission was informed of the request of the Government of Ireland that the Economic Commission for Europe invite under article 12 of its terms of reference, the European Economic Community to participate in the Commission's work. Similarly, the Commission was informed that Governments members of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance had requested that the Economic Commission for Europe, under article 12 of its terms of reference, invite the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance to participate in its work. In accordance with these requests, the Commission adopted its decision on the participation of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance and the European Economic Community in the Commission's work, the text of which is reproduced in Part IV (decision L(XXX)).

(c) Address by Special Representative of the Secretary-General at the Conference on the Law of the Sea

258. Mr. Bernardo Zuleta, Special representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the Conference on the Law of the Sea, addressed the Commission at its ninth meeting, on 21 April 1975.

(d) Request from non-governmental organizations for presentation of views

259. A request was received and accepted from the World Federation of Trade Unions to present the views of this organization to the Commission on the review of the economic situation in Europe (agenda item 3).

(e) Date, place and agenda of the next session

260. The Executive Secretary informed the Commission that the tentative date for the holding of the thirty-first session of the Commission in Geneva was from 29 March to 9 April 1976. The Commission decided to leave to the Executive Secretary the responsibility for determining, in consultation with the Officers of the Commission and in the light of the arrangements of the Economic and Social Council, the precise date of the thirty-first session, and requested the Executive Secretary to inform the Governments thereon.

261. Pursuant to Council resolution 1894 (LVII) the Executive Secretary informed the Commission that the Provisional Agenda of the thirty-first session, which would be prepared in consultation with the Officers of the Commission, would consist of the following main points:

- (a) review of the economic situation in Europe;
- (b) general debate on the work of the Commission as a whole, with special reference to the action to be taken in the light of the results of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe;
- (c) consideration of the Reports of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission;
- (d) follow-up action on the relevant Commission resolutions and decisions dealing with matters which are under the Commission's own direct supervision;
- (e) consideration of the Commission's short- and long-term programmes of work and priorities.

Adoption of the Annual Report of the Commission to the  
Economic and Social Council

(Agenda item 8)

262. At its eleventh meeting on 24 April 1974, the Commission adopted its Report to the Economic and Social Council covering the period 30 April 1974 to 24 April 1975.

PART IV

RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE THIRTIETH SESSION  
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

I. RESOLUTIONS

1 (XXX) - WORK OF THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Recalling its resolutions 5 (XXIV) and 2 (XXIX),

Convinced of the value of the activities of the Commission as an important forum for broad co-operation among countries of the ECE region with different economic and social systems,

Convinced also that, for this purpose, a better co-ordination, integration and concentration of the programmes of work of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission should be achieved,

Considering that the synoptic tables provided by the Executive Secretary indicate areas which offer opportunities for increased integration of the programmes of work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies,

Conscious of the need to ensure that the activities of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies are carried out under its close guidance and control,

Emphasizing also the usefulness of a close co-ordination at national levels relating to ECE activities,

Bearing in mind the need of reducing overlapping and duplication of activities both of the ECE subsidiary bodies and those of the Commission itself, as well as those of the other United Nations Organs,

Mindful of the need to make the best possible use of available national experts,

Convinced of the important role foreseen for the Sessional Committee in co-ordinating the work of subsidiary bodies,

1. Notes with appreciation the progress made in 1974 towards concentration and integration of programmes of work, as reported by the Executive Secretary in document E/ECE/874 and in particular the elaboration to this end of the synoptic tables;

2. Invites its Principal Subsidiary Bodies to continue the process of concentration and integration of their programmes of work, bearing in mind, inter alia, the following:

(a) The Principal Subsidiary Bodies should focus their activities on major substantive problems, in the areas assigned to them by the Commission;



(b) In making programming decisions for their subsidiary bodies, the Principal Subsidiary Bodies should

- (i) give priority to major questions of practical relevance to improving conditions for co-operation between member countries, and avoid pursuing work of lesser importance;
- (ii) make fuller use of joint meetings when dealing with questions of inter-sectoral interest;
- (iii) consider the possibility, bearing in mind the availability of national experts, of reducing the number of meetings, in particular of the subsidiary bodies whose work would not seem to require frequent meetings;
- (iv) try to organize in close succession meetings of subsidiary bodies dealing with related subjects;
- (v) continue to convene, if necessary, ad hoc meetings only to deal with one project at a time;
- (vi) continue to include in the programme of work the results of Seminars and Symposia;

3. Calls on its Member Countries to consider the desirability of instructing, as appropriate, their own experts on the advantage obtainable by implementing this resolution;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to bring the foregoing to the attention of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies and to assist them in its implementation;

5. Requests also the Executive Secretary to submit, before the thirty-first session, suggestions for improving the methods of work and co-ordination functions of the Sessional Committee; and

6. Requests further the Executive Secretary to report to the thirty-first session of the Commission on the implementation of this resolution.

11th meeting  
24 April 1975  
(see para. 47 above)

## 2 (XXX) - FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Conscious that the Commission is approaching the fourth decade of its activities at a time of improving international relations at the political level, concurrently with well-known economic difficulties in a number of areas of the world,

Recalling its resolutions 5 (XXIV) and 1 (XXIX),

Recalling further the Declaration adopted by the Commemorative Meeting to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Economic Commission for Europe stressing the value of the Commission's activities for the co-operation among countries of the ECE region with different economic and social systems and the determination of its member States to continue to utilize the Commission for the development and strengthening of co-operation in the interests of safeguarding peaceful and friendly relations and security,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Executive Secretary on "The future activities of the Commission" (E/ECE/875) prepared prior to the conclusion of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe,

Aware that in the future its Member Governments might ask the Commission to review its activities and that suggestions and broad guidelines for future co-operation, contained in document E/ECE/875, might be generally used to that effect,

Believing in particular that the expected results of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe will give a new impetus and open new perspectives for a further intensification of economic, scientific and technical co-operation between the countries of the ECE region,

Expecting that its Member Countries will examine, as soon as possible, the consequences of the CSCE for the further work of the Commission,

Recognizing that the strengthening of regional co-operation will help Member Governments and the Commission make greater contributions towards solving the pressing problems of world development and promoting the economic growth within the region and elsewhere, including in the developing countries, and hence peace and security in the world,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to transmit to the Principal Subsidiary Bodies for their careful consideration document E/ECE/875 together with the comments made thereon by its Member Countries at this session;
2. Invites the Principal Subsidiary Bodies on the basis of the aforesaid with the assistance of the Executive Secretary to formulate proposals for adaptation of their short- and long-term programme of work, while maintaining the necessary flexibility to deal with possible new assignments; and
3. Asks the Executive Secretary to prepare, for the thirty-first session of the Commission, in the light of the above considerations and of the discussions at the thirtieth session upon further consultations with Member Governments and informal contacts with their Permanent Missions in Geneva, a detailed report containing
  - (a) information on measures to be taken or envisaged by the Principal Subsidiary Bodies in pursuance of the above; and
  - (b) concrete suggestions and specific proposals on possible adaptation of the Commission's future activities.

11th meeting  
24 April 1975  
(see para. 48 above)

3 (XXX) - PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION FOR 1975/76 AND ITS  
LONG-TERM PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1976-1980

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Having considered the reports of its subsidiary bodies on their activities, the notes by the Executive Secretary on certain questions, and the programme of work of the Commission for 1975/76, as well as the long-term programme of work for 1976-1980,

Noting that during the thirtieth session various delegations have raised a number of points concerning the Commission's programme of work,

1. Draws the attention of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission to the relevant resolutions and other decisions of the Commission as well as to the points reported in the relevant passages of the summary records and the Report of the thirtieth session;
2. Requests its subsidiary bodies to take these decisions and points into consideration when reviewing their respective short and long-term programmes of work; and
3. Approves its programme of work for 1975/76 and endorses in principle, subject to review at its thirty-first session, its long-term programme of work for 1976-1980.

11th meeting  
24 April 1975  
(see para. 255 above)

II. OTHER DECISIONS

A (XXX) - ECE ASSISTANCE TO HABITAT CONFERENCE

The Commission decided:

(a) to take note of the statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Mr. E. Penalosa, especially regarding the meeting of its Preparatory Committee in August 1975;

(b) to endorse the decision taken by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at its thirty-fifth session to devote a substantial part of its thirty-sixth session to the Committee's contribution to the HABITAT Conference and other matters relating thereto, having in mind that this session will take place after the meeting of the Preparatory Committee;

(c) to request the Executive Secretary to convene, during the two week period when the Working Parties on Housing and on Building are scheduled to meet, namely 30 June and 1 July, an ECE consultation in Geneva to discuss primarily the agenda and the substantive framework of the HABITAT Conference;

(d) to take note of statements made by certain delegations that they would contribute in meeting extra budgetary expenses required for organizing this consultation and/or to offer professional help or documentation for the consultation.

10th meeting  
23 April 1975  
(see para. 100 above)

B (XXX) - TRANSPORT STATISTICS

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Recalling resolutions 1 (XXVI), 3 (XXVII) and 2 (XXIX) concerning in particular the co-operative efforts of all subsidiary bodies of the ECE to co-ordinate their activities in fields of common interest by undertaking joint projects as appropriate;

Reaffirming once more that ECE projects in individual fields are inter-related and that there is a need to consider them as one single aspect of an integrated programme of work of the Commission as a whole;

Noting the wish expressed by the Commission for joint meetings of its subsidiary bodies;

Decided to reiterate the urgent request for the Inland Transport Committee to accept, as other subsidiary bodies have already done, the use of joint meetings with the Conference of European Statisticians for dealing with statistical problems.

10th meeting  
23 April 1975  
(see para. 117 above)

C (XXX) - TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Took note of the recommendation of the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments for their terms of reference (ECE/EC.AD/10, paragraph 75 and Annex III); and

Decided to adopt the following terms of reference of the Senior Economic Advisers:

"The Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments shall:

(a) Promote regular exchanges of information and views and make appropriate recommendations on:

- (i) General economic trends and problems in the ECE region (including the interrelations in the framework of the economy as a whole between trends and problems in particular branches of economic activities);
- (ii) Medium- and long-term economic plans, programmes and projections for the development of countries of the ECE region;
- (iii) Instruments and methods for the elaboration of national plans, programmes and projections;

(b) Identify and examine within their area of responsibility major inter-sectoral economic problems of common interest to countries of the ECE region, giving special attention to those tasks which contribute most effectively to the widest possible international co-operation;

(c) In their reports to the Commission, draw its attention to specific opportunities for expanded and intensified intergovernmental co-operation, and especially to the possibility of intensified East-West co-operation, on economic problems of common interest to countries in the ECE region which have emerged from the work referred to under (a) and (b);

(d) Prepare and propose to the Commission a general economic framework for studies of long-term trends and problems including their views on their work in relation to the work of other Principal Subsidiary Bodies and on the actions to be taken to ensure appropriate co-operation and co-ordination;

(e) Co-operate with other principal Subsidiary Bodies in activities of mutual concern utilizing for this purpose information on their relevant work done and planned, particularly on studies of long-term economic trends and problems of common interest;

(f) Convene within their area of responsibility groups of experts, ad hoc meetings, symposia or seminars to examine problems selected for special examination."

10th meeting  
23 April 1975  
(see para. 145 above)

#### D (XXX) - DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE

The Commission decided:

(a) to take note of the Executive Secretary's Note, E/ECE/880, and

(b) to express the hope that at the Third Seminar on East-West Trade Promotion, Marketing and Business Contacts (scheduled to be held from 13-16 May 1975) and at the Informal Meeting of Trade Experts, when duly convened by the Executive Secretary, useful results will be obtained.

10th meeting  
23 April 1975  
(see para. 192 above)

#### E (XXX) - INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION

The Commission agreed:

(a) to take note of the decision of the Committee on the Development of Trade at its twenty-third session, by which the Committee requested the Executive Secretary to convene the Second Meeting of Experts on Industrial Co-operation, in consultation with the Permanent Missions in Geneva, as soon as possible after the results of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe are known;

(b) to express the hope that the Group of Experts on International Contract Practices in Industry will complete in 1975 their work on the Guide for drawing up contracts on industrial co-operation.

10th meeting  
23 April 1975  
(see para. 198 above)

F (XXX) - ENERGY PROBLEMS IN THE ECE REGION

The Commission:

Taking note of:

(a) the Executive Secretary's Note E/ECE/882 on energy problems in the ECE region; and

(b) the Executive Secretary's Study on measures taken, or which might be taken, in order to achieve increased economy and efficiency in the extraction, conversion, transport and use of energy in the ECE region (E/ECE/883 and Add.1);

Decided:

1. to request the Executive Secretary to revise and up-date the study contained in E/ECE/883 and Add.1 to take account of recent information submitted by Governments and to include a survey of relevant work undertaken or projected by other international bodies;
2. to request its Principal Subsidiary Bodies to examine, as a matter of priority, at their forthcoming sessions in 1975/76 the above-mentioned revised and up-dated Study contained in E/ECE/883 and Add.1 and to include their observations thereon in their Reports to the Commission;
3. to request the Executive Secretary to convene as soon as practicable in consultation with the Governments an ad hoc Meeting of Experts, with a limited mandate, to examine the revised and up-dated report contained in document E/ECE/883 and Add.1 and comments of Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned thereon, with a view to drawing up recommendations to the Commission for possible future work on energy economy and efficiency in the ECE region;
4. to authorize the printing and general distribution of the report contained in E/ECE/883 and Add.1, as revised and up-dated in accordance with paragraph 1;
5. to request the Executive Secretary to report to the thirty-first session of the Commission on the implementation of this decision.

10th meeting  
23 April 1975  
(see para. 207 above)

G (XXX) - STANDARDIZATION

The Commission decided:

(a) to take note of the Report of the Third Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies (ECE/STAND/14) and to endorse the decisions contained therein;

(b) to take note of the Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission in the field of standardization E/ECE/884;

- (c) to express the hope that the Fourth Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies - which should be held in 1976 - will result in accelerated progress in international standardization, especially with a view to removing technical barriers to international trade arising out of different standards and technical regulations or their application, as well as in the promotion of scientific and technological co-operation and environmental improvement;
- (d) to request its Principal Subsidiary Bodies:
- (i) to continue to pay particular attention to problems of standardization in their respective fields of activity including the means of implementation of ECE standards in member countries, taking into account the recommendations adopted by the Meetings of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies;
  - (ii) to co-operate, as appropriate, in work on the revision of the priorities for international standardization;
  - (iii) to keep government officials responsible for standardization policies informed about their standardization activities;
- (e) to invite Governments to give appropriate consideration to the implementation of the recommendations formulated by the Meetings of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies;
- (f) to request the Executive Secretary to report to the thirty-first session on the implementation of this decision.

10th meeting  
23 April 1975  
(see para. 214 above)

H (XXX) - AUTOMATION

The Commission decided:

- (a) to take note of the Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/885 on the progress made during 1974 in the activities of the Working Party on Automation;
- (b) to request the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-first session on the progress made in the further work of the Working Party on Automation.

10th meeting  
23 April 1975  
(see para. 223 above)

I (XXX) - ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES

The Commission decided:

(a) to take note of the Executive Secretary's Report E/ECE/886;

(b) to request the Fourth ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Engineering Industries, to be held in 1975, to make a list of topics that are of special interest to ECE member Governments for consideration by the next Commission session in connexion with the possible adoption of ECE's programmes of work and priorities with respect to the engineering industries;

(c) to request the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-first session on the implementation of this decision.

10th meeting  
23 April 1975  
(see para. 235 above)

J (XXX) - SYMPOSIUM ON THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
TOURIST INDUSTRY IN THE ECE REGION

The Commission decided:

(a) to take note of the Executive Secretary's Report E/ECE/887 on the preparations made for the Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE Region to be held in Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia) from Monday, 13 to Saturday, 18 October 1975 and to be followed by a study tour organized by the host authorities;

(b) to endorse the decisions of the Second Preparatory Meeting for the Symposium as recorded in the Report of that meeting (ECE/SEM.1/AC/4);

(c) to request the Executive Secretary

(i) to take all measures required to hold the Symposium; and

(ii) to report to the Commission at its thirty-first session on the implementation of this decision.

10th meeting  
23 April 1975  
(see para. 242 above)

K (XXX) - PARTICIPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO  
IN THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Decided in accordance with article 8 of its terms of reference to admit the Republic of San Marino to participate in its work in a consultative capacity.

1st meeting  
15 April 1975  
(see para. 256 above)



L (XXX) - PARTICIPATION OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE  
COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN THE WORK  
OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Decided to invite the European Economic Community and the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance to participate in its work in accordance with article 12 of its terms of reference.

1st meeting  
15 April 1975  
(see para. 257 above)

PART V

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES FOR 1975/76

Introduction \*/

1. General

The Commission's programme of work and priorities for 1975/76, as considered and approved at the thirtieth session of the Commission, 1/ is incorporated as Part V of the Commission's present Report to the Economic and Social Council.

The work programme of the Commission is divided into the following programme categories:

01 - General	09 - Inland transport
02 - Agriculture	10 - Science and technology
03 - Chemicals	11 - Senior Economic Advisers
04 - Coal	12 - Statistics
05 - Environment	13 - Steel
06 - Electric power	14 - Timber
07 - Gas	15 - Trade
08 - Housing, building and planning	16 - Water problems

Pursuant to operative paragraph 8 of Council resolution 1367 (XLV) projects are subdivided within these categories into those of continuous and ad hoc character, and further classified in accordance with the following priority rating:

- (i) Priority A - Work of high priority
- (ii) Priority B - Work of priority
- (iii) Priority C - Work of lesser priority

2. Programme changes

This section has been included pursuant to operative paragraph 11 of Council resolution 1367 (XLV) in order to facilitate the review by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination of the programmes of work in economic, social and human rights fields. The following are the projects in which major changes occurred, as compared

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\*/ Editorial note: The Executive Secretary has made certain adjustments in the final text of some of the projects included in the Commission's programme of work and priorities for 1975/76 in the light of the relevant decisions of the Commission. This applies to the following projects: 01.1.7., 01.2.1., 01.2.2., 01.2.3., 01.2.4., 01.2.6., 01.2.7.

1/ See above, paragraphs 248-255, and Commission resolution 3 (XXX).

with the Commission's programme of work for 1974/75:

1974/75 (Project numbers used in Part V of E/5470)	1975/76 (Project numbers used in Part V of E/5651)	Remarks
<u>01. General</u>		
01.1.7(b)(i),(d)	-	Completed
-	01.1.7(c)	New
01.2.2(b)(vi),(d)(e)	-	Completed
-	01.2.2(1),(5)	New
01.2.3(c)(d)	-	Completed
-	01.2.3(c)(ii)	New
01.2.4(d)(ii)	-	Completed
-	01.2.4(f)	New
01.2.6(c)	-	Completed
-	01.2.6(b)	New
01.2.8	-	Completed
-	01.2.8	New
01.2.9	-	Completed
-	01.2.9	New
-	01.2.10	New
<u>02. Agriculture</u>		
-	02.1.4(a)(v)	New
02.1.5	-	Completed
-	02.1.5(a)(b)	New
02.2.1	-	Completed
-	02.2.1(a)-(c)	New
02.2.2	-	Completed
02.2.4	02.2.2(d)	Completed: technical report on beef Priority modified
02.2.8	-	Completed: study on strawberries
-	02.2.3(a),(b)	New
-	02.2.4(b)	New
02.2.10	-	Completed

02.2.11	-	Completed
-	02.2.6	New
	03. <u>Chemicals</u>	
-	03.1.2(f)	New
-	03.2.1(b)(c)	New
-	03.2.2(b)	New
03.2.3	-	Completed: Seminar on chemical industry and the environment
	04. <u>Coal</u>	
04.2.1(a)	-	Transferred to long-term programme
-	04.2.1(a)	New
04.2.2(a)	-	Completed
04.2.2(c)	-	Transferred to long-term programme and merged with 04.2.2(d)
04.2.2(f)	04.2.2(d)	Priority modified
-	04.2.2(e)	New
04.2.3(a)(i)-(ii), (g)(ii)	-	Completed
-	04.2.3(b)(h)	New
04.2.4(b)	-	Completed
04.2.4(h)	04.2.4(f)	Priority modified
04.2.4(g)	-	Transferred to long-term programme
04.2.5(a)	-	Completed
-	04.2.5(c)	New
	05. <u>Environment</u>	
05.2.9	05.1.2(b)(ii)	Merged and category modified
-	05.2.1(e)(ii), (f), (g)	New
-	05.2.2(b)(ii)	New
05.2.3(b)	-	Completed
05.2.3(d)	-	Eliminated
05.2.4(a)	-	Completed: Preparatory Meeting
05.2.4(b)(i)	-	Completed
05.2.4(ii)(2)	-	Eliminated
-	05.2.4(b)(iii)	New

05.2.6(1)(a)-(c)	-	Completed
-	05.2.6(a)-(c)	New
-	05.2.8(b)	New
05.2.11(b)	-	Completed

06. Electric Power

06.2.1(d)	06.1.4(a)(iv)	Category modified
06.2.1(b)(iii)(iv)	-	Completed
-	06.2.1(a)(iii)(iv)	New
06.2.1(a)	-	Completed
-	06.2.1(b)	New
06.2.2A(d)	-	Eliminated
06.2.2A(g)(h),C(b)(c)	-	Transferred to long-term programme
06.2.2A(i)	06.2.2A(d)	Priority modified
-	06.2.2A(f),C(c)	New
06.2.2B(c)	-	Completed
06.2.3(a)	-	Completed
-	06.2.3(a)	New
06.2.4(a)(b)(d)	-	Completed
-	06.2.4(b)	New

07. Gas

07.1.2(b)	-	Completed
-	07.2.1(h)(i)(1)	New
07.2.2(a)(g)	07.2.2(a)(g)	Priority modified
-	07.2.3(d)(e)(f)	New
07.2.4(a)(b)	-	Completed
-	07.2.7	New

08. Housing, Building and Planning

08.1.4	-	Completed. Check list of environmental factors affecting decision-making
08.2.1(b)	-	Completed
-	08.2.1(c)(e)(i)	New
08.2(c)(f)	-	Completed
-	08.2.2(g)(h)(i)	New

08.2.2(h)	08.2.2(e)	Priority modified
08.2.3(g)(i)	-	Completed
-	08.2.3(c)(d)(h)	New
08.2.3(b)(c)	08.2.3(i)(j)	Priority modified
-	08.2.9	New

09. Inland transport

09.1.2(2)	-	Completed
09.1.4	09.1.4	Priority modified
-	09.1.5(e)	New
09.1.7(1)(b)	09.1.7(a)(ii)	Priority modified
-	09.1.8(b)	New
09.1.9(f)	09.1.9(f)	Priority modified
-	09.1.10(b)(iii)	New
09.1.10(b)	09.2.7	Category modified
09.1.16(2)	09.2.15(b)(ii)	Category modified
09.1.19	09.1.19	Priority modified
09.1.21	09.1.21	Priority modified
09.2.1	09.2.1	Priority modified
-	09.2.3(a)(b)	New
09.2.3(b)	09.2.3(c)	Priority modified
09.2.3(a)(c)	-	Completed
-	09.2.4(c)	New
-	09.2.5(c)	New
-	09.2.3(c)	New
09.2.7	-	Completed
-	09.2.7	New
09.2.8(a)	-	Completed
-	09.2.8(a)	New
-	09.2.9(g)(h)	New
09.2.10	-	Completed
-	09.2.10	New
09.2.11	09.2.11	Priority modified
-	09.2.13	New
-	09.2.14	New

-	09.2.15(a)(ii)	New
09.2.15(b)(i)-(ii)	09.2.15(b)(i)-(ii)	Priority modified
09.2.14(c)(h)	09.2.16(c)(h)	Priority modified
09.2.14(i)	-	Completed
-	09.2.17	New
	<u>10. Science and technology</u>	
-	10.1.1(b)	New: study on environmental factors and technology assessment relevant to innovations in the energy sector
-	10.1.1(e)	New
10.1.2	-	Completed: Seminar on the organization and management of co-operative international research
-	10.1.2(b)	New
10.1.3	-	Completed. <u>ad hoc</u> Meeting on Innovation in Energy Technologies
-	10.1.3(a)-(e)	New
-	10.1.4(b)	New
	<u>11. Senior Economic Advisers</u>	
11.1.1(d)	-	Completed
-	11.1.2	New
11.1.3(i)	-	Completed
-	11.2.1	New
	<u>12. Statistics</u>	
-	12.1.1.1(iii)	New
12.1.1.3(i)	-	Completed
12.1.2.1(i)	-	Completed
	<u>13. Steel</u>	
13.2.3	-	Transferred to long-term programme
-	13.2.3	New
	<u>14. Timber</u>	
14.1.1(d)-(g)	-	Completed
-	14.1.1(e)	New
14.1.2(c)(d)	-	Completed

-	14.1.2(c)(e)(f)	New
14.1.3(e)	-	Completed
-	14.1.3(d)(e)	New
14.1.4(a)(h)	-	Completed
	<u>15. Development of trade</u>	
-	15.1.1(c)(ii)	New
15.1.2(b)	-	Completed
-	15.1.2(c)(b)-(d)	New
15.1.4(d)	-	Completed
-	15.1.4(d)	New
-	15.1.5(a)(iv)	New; <u>ad hoc</u> Meeting on the ECE Layout Key
-	15.1.5(a)(vi)-(viii) (c)(ii)	New
-	15.1.6(a)(b)	New
	<u>16. Water problems</u>	
-	16.1.1(iv)(v)	New
16.2.1(a)(c)	-	Completed
-	16.2.1(b)	New
16.2.2(a)(b)	-	Completed
-	16.2.2(a)	New
-	16.2.3(d)	New



3. Programme of work and priorities for 1975/76

01. GENERAL

Authority: Terms of reference of the Commission; relevant resolutions and other decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the Commission.

01.1. CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

01.1.1. Continuing review and analysis of European economic developments and problems (Priority A)

Description: This function is performed by the preparation and publication of annual economic surveys and economic bulletins, special studies and statistical publications. The survey is issued before the annual session of the Commission, and is used as a background document for the review by the Commission of the general economic situation in Europe. The statistical work of the secretariat covers substantially the full range of general economic statistics, as well as the specialized statistics required in the technical work of the Commission, and is carried out along the lines formulated in Commission resolution 1 (XXIII).

01.1.2. The study of long-term economic trends in the ECE region (Priority A)

Description: In the light of operative paragraph 3 of Commission resolution 5 (XXIV) defining the four over-all priorities of the Commission's work and pursuant to Commission resolutions 7 (XXII), 2 (XXVII), 2 (XXVIII) and 2 (XXIX), the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments and the other Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission study long-term trends in the economy of the ECE region and make over-all evaluations of these trends and policies. This work will continue in 1975/76. (See also programme category 11. Senior Economic Advisers, in particular as regards the preparation of an over-all economic perspective for the ECE region up to 1990).

01.1.3. Co-operation with less-developed countries (Priority B)

Description: Pursuant to Commission resolution 2 (XVI) and in line with General Assembly resolution 1519 (XV) - Strengthening and development of the world market and improvement of the trade conditions of the economically less-developed countries - the secretariat continues to study the development of trade relations between Europe and the less-developed countries with a view to promoting these relations; maintains, subject to the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council, the closest co-operation with the secretariats of other regional commissions; and, along with the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, considers, when establishing programmes of work, the possibility of including projects the implementation of which would be of interest not only to member countries of the ECE, but also to countries of other regions. Furthermore, in accordance with Commission resolution 7 (XI), operative paragraph 1 of Commission resolution 8 (XXII) and operative paragraph 4 of Commission resolution 1 (XXVIII), special attention is paid to problems of development of the countries of southern Europe. In its decision C (XXIV) on the Commission's contribution to the United Nations programmes designed to assist less-developed countries the Commission: (1) endorsed the suggestions of the Executive Secretary contained in paragraph 19, section II of his Report E/ECE/717; (2) invited its Committees and other subsidiary bodies to act accordingly when examining individual problems; (3) requested the Executive Secretary to continue in his studies, where appropriate, to devote special

sections in accordance with operative paragraph 1 of its resolution 8 (XXII); (4) invited the Executive Secretary when implementing this decision to co-operate, as necessary, with other appropriate United Nations organizations; and (5) invited further the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission on the progress made in respect of the implementation of this decision. Work along these lines is to continue in 1975/76. (See also projects 02.2.3., 08.2.4., 13.1.3., 15.1.1., 15.1.4.).

01.1.4. Activities of the Commission in relation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Priority B)

Description: Pursuant to relevant resolutions of the Commission the secretariat will continue in 1975/76 to co-operate with the secretariat of UNCTAD and to assist them, at their request, on matters of common interest. (See also projects 01.1.6., 03.1.3., 13.1.6., 15.1.1.).

01.1.5. Activities in the field of industrial development with reference to General Assembly resolution 1940 (XVIII) (Priority B)

Description: Pursuant to relevant resolutions of the Commission the secretariat will continue in 1975/76 to co-operate with the secretariat of UNIDO, and to assist them at their request, on matters of common interest.

01.1.6. Co-operation in United Nations development programmes (Priority C)

Description: The Office of Technical Co-operation of the United Nations and the UNDP office in Geneva consult the ECE secretariat on relevant projects of an economic character. Arrangements are made, as appropriate, for both experts and fellows whose tasks relate to projects included in the programme of work of the Commission's subsidiary bodies to be substantively briefed by the secretariat before assuming their technical assistance assignments. Pursuant to resolution 4 (XVI), the ECE secretariat co-operates with the technical co-operation agencies of the United Nations including the European Office of the Technical Assistance Recruitment Services (TARS) in locating experts from countries of the ECE region for technical assistance assignments. It also co-operates with the other parts of the United Nations Secretariat, including UNIDO and UNCTAD, in the arrangement of study tours, seminars and training facilities for technical assistance fellows in ECE countries.

01.1.7. Engineering industries (Priority B)

Description: Selected sectors of the industry and the general state of production, supply and demand for engineering products are kept under review, and the Bulletin of Statistics on World Trade in Engineering Products is published annually. Pursuant to Commission decision H (XXIX) the Fourth ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Engineering Industries is to meet in 1975 in order to draw up short- and long-term programmes of work in the field of engineering. In its decision I (XXX) the Commission agreed (a) to take note of the Executive Secretary's Report E/ECE/886; (b) to request the Fourth ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Engineering Industries, to be held in 1975, to make a list of topics that are of special interest to ECE member Governments for consideration by the next Commission session in connexion with the possible adoption of ECE's programmes of work and priorities with respect to the engineering industries; and (c) to request the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-first session on the implementation of this decision.

## 01.2. Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

### 01.2.1. Promotion of industrial co-operation (Priority A)

Description: Pursuant to Commission resolutions 6 (XXIII), 7 (XXIV), 6 (XXV), 3 (XXVI), 4 (XXVII) and its decisions F (XXVIII) and D (XXIX), the Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned, and in particular the Committee on the Development of Trade as well as the secretariat, will continue to work in 1975/76 on studies aimed at the promotion of industrial co-operation. In its decision E (XXX) the Commission agreed (a) to take note of the decision of the Committee on the Development of Trade at its twenty-third session, by which the Committee requested the Executive Secretary to convene the Second Meeting of Experts on Industrial Co-operation, in consultation with the Permanent Missions in Geneva, as soon as possible after the results of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe are known; and (b) to express the hope that the Group of Experts on International Contract Practices in Industry will complete in 1975 their work on the Guide for drawing up contracts on industrial co-operation.

### 01.2.2. General energy problems in the ECE region (Priority A)

Description: Following the agreement reached at the twenty-eighth session of the Commission to expand intergovernmental co-operation on general energy problems in the ECE region (paragraph 189 of E/5276), work will continue in 1975/76 on studies of general energy problems as well as on the follow-up of the decisions taken at the 1973 Symposium on Mathematical Models of Sectors of the Energy Economy. The results of this work will be brought by the Executive Secretary to the attention of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned pursuant to operative paragraph (c) of Commission decision F (XXVII). A symposium will be held in May 1975 in Greece on the role of electric power in meeting future energy needs and on international co-operation in this field. Pursuant to Commission decision E (XXIX) the Principal Subsidiary Bodies will continue to pay attention to those aspects of energy problems which are within their areas of responsibility and within the framework, and on the basis, of their programmes of work and plans, and in particular to those tasks specified in sub-paragraphs (i)-(v) of operative paragraph (b) of that decision. In its decision F (XXX) the Commission, having taken note of (a) the Executive Secretary's Note E/ECE/882 on energy problems in the ECE region; and (b) the Executive Secretary's Study on measures taken, or which might be taken, in order to achieve increased economy and efficiency in the extraction, conversion, transport and use of energy in the ECE region (E/ECE/883 and Add.1); decided (1) to request the Executive Secretary to revise and up-date the study contained in E/ECE/883 and Add.1 to take account of recent information submitted by Governments and to include a survey of relevant work undertaken or projected by other international bodies; (2) to request its Principal Subsidiary Bodies to examine, as a matter of priority, at their forthcoming sessions in 1975/76 the above-mentioned revised and up-dated Study contained in E/ECE/883 and Add.1 and to include their observations thereon in their Reports to the Commission; (3) to request the Executive Secretary to convene as soon as practicable in consultation with the Governments an ad hoc Meeting of Experts, with a limited mandate, to examine the revised and up-dated report contained in document E/ECE/883 and Add.1 and comments of Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned thereon, with a view to drawing up recommendations to the Commission for possible future work on energy economy and efficiency in the ECE region; (4) to authorize the printing and general distribution of the report contained in E/ECE/883 and Add.1, as revised and up-dated in accordance with paragraph (1); and (5) to request the Executive Secretary to report to the thirty-first session of the Commission on the implementation of this decision.

01.2.3. Tourism (Priority A)

Description: Pursuant to operative paragraph 3 of Commission resolution 10 (XXII) the Executive Secretary is planning further studies of economic problems relating to tourism. Pursuant to Commission decisions A (XXVIII) and I (XXIX), the ECE Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE region will be held in Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia) from 13-18 October 1975. In its decision J (XXX) the Commission agreed (a) to take note of the Executive Secretary's Report E/ECE/887 on the preparations made for the Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE Region to be held in Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia) from Monday, 13 to Saturday, 18 October 1975 and to be followed by a study tour organized by the host authorities; (b) to endorse the decisions of the Second Preparatory Meeting for the Symposium as recorded in the Report of that meeting (ECE/SEM.1/AC.4); and (c) to request the Executive Secretary (i) to take all measures required to hold the Symposium; and (ii) to report to the Commission at its thirty-first session on the implementation of this decision.

01.2.4. Standardization (Priority A)

Description: In 1975/76 work is to be carried out to implement the decisions taken at the Third Meeting of Governmental Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies held in 1974 pursuant to Commission decisions G (XXVIII) and F (XXIX). This work, which aims at achieving more rapid progress in international standardization by means of intergovernmental examination and joint study in depth of standardization problems of common interest and at the removal of technical barriers to international trade arising out of differing standards and technical regulations or their application, comprises; exchange of views on the current trends and policies; sectors and products requiring priority action for international standardization; co-ordination of international standardization work; conformity certification; definitions; channels of information on existing national technical regulations (see ECE/STAND/14, Annex III). In its decision G (XXX) the Commission agreed (a) to take note of the Report of the Third Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies (ECE/STAND/14) and to endorse the decisions contained therein; (b) to take note of the Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission in the field of standardization E/ECE/884; (c) to express the hope that the Fourth Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies - which should be held in 1976 - will result in accelerated progress in international standardization, especially with a view to removing technical barriers to international trade arising out of different standards and technical regulations or their application, as well as in the promotion of scientific and technological co-operation and environmental improvement; (d) to request its Principal Subsidiary Bodies: (i) to continue to pay particular attention to problems of standardization in their respective fields of activity including the means of implementation of ECE standards in member countries, taking into account the recommendations adopted by the Meetings of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies; (ii) to co-operate, as appropriate, in work on the revision of the priorities for international standardization; and (iii) to keep government officials responsible for standardization policies informed about their standardization activities; (e) to invite Governments to give appropriate consideration to the implementation of the recommendations formulated by the Meetings of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies; and (f) to request the Executive Secretary to report to the thirty-first session on the implementation of this decision.

01.2.5. Implementation of the declaration on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament (Priority C)

Description: In its resolution 10 (XIX) the Commission, realizing that it may continue to render a practical and useful contribution to the fulfilment of the tasks specified in General Assembly resolution 1931 (XVIII), especially in the field of the promotion of international economic and trade co-operation, recognized the usefulness and importance of the secretariat's preliminary investigation on the impact of demobilization on civilian employment in the ECE region (E/ECE/522/Add.1), and requested the Executive Secretary to continue the above-mentioned investigation. In his report to the thirtieth session, E/ECE/876, the Executive Secretary stated that he felt he did not possess enough material to carry out at this stage a comprehensive and substantial study of the subject.

01.2.6. Automation (Priority B)

Description: In 1975/76 work is to be carried out on the implementation of decisions taken at the third session of the Working Party on Automation and pursuant to Commission decision G (XXIX). This work comprises (a) periodic review of the rates of application and spread of automation; (b) statistical activities in the field of automation; (c) studies of particular problems involved in the application of automation to the economy; (d) survey of activities of organizations dealing with problems of automation (see ECE/AUTOMAT/2, Annex). In its decision H (XXX) the Commission agreed (a) to take note of the Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/885 on the progress made during 1974 in the activities of the Working Party on Automation; and (b) to request the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-first session on the progress made in the further work of the Working Party on Automation.

01.2.7. Activities of the Commission in the field of foreign trade (Priority A)

Description: In 1975/76 work will continue on the implementation of the decisions taken by the twenty-third session of the Committee on the Development of Trade, pursuant to Commission decision C (XXIX). In its decision D (XXX) the Commission agreed (a) to take note of the Executive Secretary's Note, E/ECE/880, and (b) to express the hope that at the Third seminar on East-West Trade Promotion Marketing and Business Contacts (scheduled to be held from 13-16 May 1975) and at the Informal Meeting of Trade Experts, when duly convened by the Executive Secretary, useful results will be obtained. (See also programme category 15 - Trade.)

01.2.8. Work of the Commission as a whole (Priority A)

Description: At its thirtieth session the Commission considered the Executive Secretary's report on the Commission's activities and implementation of priorities (E/ECE/874) which, inter alia, included a report on the progress made in 1974 towards concentration and integration of programmes of work in implementation of Commission resolution 2 (XXIX). In its resolution 1 (XXX) the Commission (1) noted with appreciation the progress made in 1974 towards concentration and integration of programmes of work, as reported by the Executive Secretary in document E/ECE/874 and in particular the elaboration to this end of the synoptic tables; (2) invited its Principal Subsidiary Bodies to continue the process of concentration and integration of their programmes of work, bearing in mind, inter alia, the following: (a) the Principal Subsidiary Bodies should focus their activities on major substantive problems, in the areas assigned to them by the

Commission; (b) in making programming decisions for their subsidiary bodies, the Principal Subsidiary Bodies should: (i) give priority to major questions of practical relevance to improving conditions for co-operation between member countries, and avoid pursuing work of lesser importance; (ii) make fuller use of joint meetings when dealing with questions of inter-sectoral interest; (iii) consider the possibility, bearing in mind the availability of national experts, of reducing the number of meetings, in particular of the subsidiary bodies whose work would not seem to require frequent meetings; (iv) try to organize in close succession meetings of subsidiary bodies dealing with related subjects; (v) continue to convene, if necessary, ad hoc meetings only to deal with one project at a time; (vi) continue to include in the programme of work the results of Seminars and Symposia; (3) called on its Member Countries to consider the desirability of instructing, as appropriate, their own experts on the advantage obtainable by implementing this resolution; (4) requested the Executive Secretary to bring the foregoing to the attention of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies and to assist them in its implementation; (5) requested also the Executive Secretary to submit, before the thirty-first session, suggestions for improving the methods of work and co-ordination functions of the Sessional Committee; and (6) requested further the Executive Secretary to report to the thirty-first session of the Commission on the implementation of this resolution.

01.2.9. The future activities of the Commission (Priority A)

Description: In its resolution 2 (XXX) the Commission (1) requested the Executive Secretary to transmit to the Principal Subsidiary Bodies for their careful consideration document E/ECE/875 together with the comments made thereon by its Member Countries at this session; (2) invited the Principal Subsidiary Bodies on the basis of the aforesaid with the assistance of the Executive Secretary to formulate proposals for adaptation of their short- and long-term programme of work, while maintaining the necessary flexibility to deal with possible new assignments; and (3) asked the Executive Secretary to prepare, for the thirty-first session of the Commission, in the light of the above considerations and of the discussions at the thirtieth session upon further consultations with Member Governments and informal contacts with their Permanent Missions in Geneva, a detailed report containing (a) information on measures to be taken or envisaged by the Principal Subsidiary Bodies in pursuance of the above, and (b) concrete suggestions and specific proposals on possible adaptations of the Commission's future activities.

01.2.10. ECE assistance to HABITAT Conference (Priority A)

Description: In its decision A (XXX) the Commission agreed: (a) to take note of the statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Mr. E. Penalosa, especially regarding the meeting of its Preparatory Committee in August 1975; (b) to endorse the decision taken by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at its thirty-fifth session to devote a substantial part of its thirty-sixth session to the Committee's contribution to the HABITAT Conference and other matters relating thereto, having in mind that this session will take place after the meeting of the Preparatory Committee; (c) to request the Executive Secretary to convene, during the two week period when the Working Parties on Housing and on Building are scheduled to meet, namely 30 June and 1 July, an ECE Consultation in Geneva to discuss primarily the agenda and the substantive framework of the HABITAT Conference; and (d) to take note of statements made by certain delegations that they would contribute in meeting extra budgetary expenses required for organizing this Consultation and/or to offer professional help or documentation for the Consultation.

## 02. - AGRICULTURE

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Agricultural Problems, approved by the Committee at its twenty-sixth session (ECE/AGRI/11, paras. 76-90 and Annex I)

### 02.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 02.1.1 Review of the current situation in agriculture and of trade in agricultural products (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will continue its annual review of recent agricultural developments, including its annual examination of the current agricultural situation and of trade in agricultural products. In 1975/76 this review will be focussed on the following subjects for which secretariat papers are to be prepared before the twenty-seventh Committee session: (a) A summary review of agricultural developments in the ECE region in 1975 (on the basis of material supplied by Governments for this purpose prior to the Committee session); (b) Recent developments in and problems of trade in agricultural products; (c) The present market situation and the short-term prospects for: grains; livestock and meat; dairy products; (d) Prices of agricultural products and selected inputs in Europe and North America.

#### 02.1.2 Examination of long-term developments in agriculture (Priority A)

Description: The Committee (and its subsidiary bodies) reviews periodically selected long-term trends and developments in agriculture on the basis of background documents prepared by the secretariat, such as, for instance, the reports on output, expenses and income of agriculture. The seventh report in this series is expected to become available in 1975/76.

#### 02.1.3 Measures to facilitate trade in agricultural products (Priority A)

Description: The Committee, its Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce, and the Groups of Experts convened by the Working Party will continue their work on the elaboration and review of international trade standards. In 1975/76 this work will deal in particular with the standardization of the following products: (a) Quick frozen foods (jointly with the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission); (b) Dry and dried fruits; (c) Cut flowers; (d) Seed potatoes; (e) Early and ware potatoes (preparation of the meeting in March 1976); (f) Eggs in shell (preparation of the meeting in March 1976). The Working Party's Group of Experts on Technical Co-ordination will consider problems relating to the standardization of perishable produce assigned to the Group by the Working Party. For the work of experts on general conditions of sale, rules of survey (valuation) and related questions see ad hoc project 02.2.4.

#### 02.1.4 Exchange of technical information and experience (Priority A)

Description: (a) Mechanization of agriculture: In 1975/76 and in their annual session during the year, the Group of Experts on Mechanization of Agriculture will continue its work on the following major problem areas: (i) recent developments and changes in agricultural mechanization (on the basis of country statements); (ii) methodology of forecasting mechanization developments; (iii) environmental aspects of mechanization;

(iv) specific technical problems; (v) terminology; (vi) mechanization and the energy problem. A review of the work programme will be made when the Group becomes a joint FAO/ECE body. (b) Farm rationalization: In 1975/76 the work under this project will concentrate on the preparation of the symposium on forms of horizontal and vertical integration in agriculture (see project 02.2.1). Depending on the time when the merger between the ECE Group of Experts on Farm Rationalization and the FAO Working Party on Agrarian Structure becomes effective, a first meeting of the joint body is to be called in 1975 or 1976 to elaborate a new programme of work. (c) The secretariat will continue to distribute lists of agricultural films, technical reports and publications, bibliographies and similar material as supplied by Governments and international organizations participating in the work of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies. (d) For further work on the exchange of technical information see also the ad hoc projects 02.2.1 (symposia) and 02.2.2 (technical reports).

#### 02.1.5 Agricultural statistics (Priority A)

Description: In 1975/76 the continuation of the joint work with FAO and with the Conference of European Statisticians includes mainly the following subjects: (a) Food consumption surveys: Review of existing recommendations and methodology in a plenary session of the Study Group in 1975/76; (b) Economic accounts for agriculture: The secretariat will explore the possible use of the income and outlay and capital finance accounts for agriculture and will start to prepare a European handbook of economic accounts for agriculture; (c) Depending on the resources available to the three secretariats, work might start on other projects included in the long-term programme of work.

#### 02.1.6 Environmental problems related to agriculture (Priority A)

Description: The secretariat is to provide the Committee periodically with information on the work carried out by ECE, FAO, ILO and certain other international organizations in the field of environment, as far as it related to agriculture, and in particular on FAO's work on genetic resources. For the environmental aspects of farm mechanization see also project 02.1.4 (a), and for ad hoc activities relating to environmental problems see projects 02.2.1 (c) and 0.2.2.2 (c).

### 02.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 02.2.1 Symposia (Priority A)

Description: In 1975/76 preparatory work will be undertaken for the following symposia which are scheduled for 1976/77: (a) forms of horizontal and vertical integration in agriculture; (b) recent developments in the utilization of new sources of protein, essential amino acids and non-protein nitrogens with special reference to ruminants; (c) the effects of pollution on vegetation (crops and forests).

#### 02.2.2 Technical reports (Priority B)

Description: The technical reports under this project are prepared under Committee auspices by national rapporteurs on the basis of material collected from Governments with the help of questionnaires. They are circulated in draft form for comments and suggestions and re-issued in revised form, if this seems necessary. In 1975/76 work



will proceed on the following reports: (a) Characteristics of sugar beet varieties: Circulation of the draft report; (b) Short-stemmed varieties (resistant to lodging) of barley, rye, and other grain crops: Circulation of the draft report. (c) Biological measures of plant protection: Circulation of the draft report. (d) Economic and technological aspects of pork production: Circulation of the questionnaire and preparation of the draft report. (e) Economic and technological aspects of the dehydration of green forage: Circulation of the questionnaire and preparation of the draft report.

02.2.3 Problems of special interest to less-developed countries of the ECE region  
(Priority A)

Description: (a) A study on the tobacco market is to be started with the circulation of a questionnaire; (b) a progress report will be submitted to the twenty-seventh Committee session, and the draft study is to be terminated during 1976.

02.2.4 International Agricultural Trade Practices (Priority A)

Description: (a) Under the auspices of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and its Group of Experts on International Trade Practices Relating to Agricultural Products, work will continue in 1975/76 on rules of arbitration; (b) In 1976 work is expected to begin on the harmonization and updating of existing ECE general conditions of sale for agricultural products.

02.2.5 Study tours and field trips (Priority A)

Description: In 1975/76 short field trips and visits are expected to be organized by host countries in connexion with the meetings of standardization experts held outside Geneva.

02.2.6 Review of commodity reports and methods of work (Priority A)

Description: The future orientation, coverage and contents of the secretariat reports on European agricultural trade and on the market situation for major agricultural products (see project 02.1.1 (b) and (c)) and the methods of work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies are to be reviewed in an ad hoc meeting in the autumn of 1975; the conclusions of this meeting will be submitted to the next session of the Committee for its consideration and decision.

### 03. - CHEMICALS

Authority: Programme of work of the Chemical Industry Committee, approved by the Committee at its seventh session (ECE/CHEM/7, paras. 31-45 and Annex I)

#### 03.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

##### 03.1.1 Periodic surveys of the chemical industry (Priority A)

Description: (a) Every year the secretariat will prepare the Annual Review of the Chemical Industry based on statistical information for the principal chemical products transmitted by Governments before the annual session of the Committee. Upon approval of the draft of the Annual Review by the Committee, the secretariat will circulate the final version for the year under consideration. (b) Every five years the secretariat will prepare a five-year survey "Market Trends and Prospects for Chemical Products" which is based on the annual data for the Review, and which is accompanied by a comprehensive general review of the situation in the chemical industry in the ECE region. (c) The annual reviews and five-year surveys provide a basis for periodic examination by the Committee of trends and prospects in production, consumption and international trade.

##### 03.1.2 Statistics (Priority A)

Description: The Committee, taking into account Commission resolution 1 (XXII) on the statistical activity of the Commission, (a) advises the secretariat on the collection and preparation of statistics on the chemical industry, on a comparable basis for ECE countries and others; (b) gives guidance to the secretariat on its annual updating of the statistical information on the principal chemical products dealt with in the quinquennial survey; (c) examines methodological questions concerning concepts, definitions and methods of measurement; (d) assists the secretariat in developing a methodology of statistical analysis and forecasting of production, consumption and trade of chemical products; and (e) promotes the collection of statistics on the chemical industry, its raw material and sources and its markets. (f) Pursuant to resolution 3 (XXV) the secretariat will publish an annual bulletin of exports of chemical products. An expansion of this Bulletin to also cover imports of chemical products is to be studied by the secretariat.

##### 03.1.3 Other continuing projects (Priority B)

Description: The Committee also renders assistance to the other regional economic commissions, to the secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and to the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), at their request, in respect of the chemical industry, and contributes to the preparation of and documentation for international conferences and symposia, held from time to time by the United Nations in this field.

### 03.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 03.2.1 Economic and technological developments in the chemical industry (Priority A)

Description: Under this heading the Committee will: (a) continue work on the study "Effects of Technical Progress on the Long-term Development of the Chemical Industry and on its Place in the Economy" initiated in 1972 (Priority A); (b) undertake a study dealing with energy questions in the chemical industry. The exact title, and scope of the study will be determined by an ad hoc Meeting of Experts to be held in 1975; (c) hold in 1975 a seminar on "Technical and Economic Aspects of the Fertilizer Industry" in Finland; (d) hold during 1976 either a Symposium on "Co-operation in Chemical Investment, Production and Trade" in Hungary or a seminar on "Ways of Carrying out Investments in the Chemical Industry" in France.

#### 03.2.2 Utilization of Chemical Products

Description: (a) Work on the study "Pattern of Uses of Selected Plastic Materials other than Elastomers" will be completed, a likely date for publication being spring 1975 (Priority A). (b) The problem of recycling in the chemical industry will be studied as resources permit (Priority B).

#### 03.2.3 The Requirements of the Chemical Industry for Raw Materials (Priority A)

Description: Work on the study "The Requirements of the Chemical Industry for Raw Materials" will be continued.

#### 03.2.4 Environmental problems (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will continue to examine environmental problems related to the chemical industry particularly in respect of (a) air and water pollution and (b) the use of water resources.

#### 04. - COAL

Authority: Programme of work of the Coal Committee, approved by the Committee at its seventieth session (ECE/COAL/8, paras. 58-59 and Annex I)

##### 04.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

###### 04.1.1 Analysis of the situation and prospects of the coal industry in Europe (Priority A)

Description: At each annual session, the Committee examines the coal situation in Europe and short-term prospects on the basis of information supplied by Governments. The Committee also considers a triennial study prepared by the secretariat on the future role of coal in the national and world energy economies. The Committee studies regularly all the main problems connected with the coal industry's activities. In 1975, it will consider the coal situation and prospects on the basis of data for 1974.

###### 04.1.2 Coal-trade problems

Description: The Working Party on Coal Trade studies regularly the following problems: (a) review of the coal market, particularly supplies and requirements of solid fuel just before and after two consecutive sessions of the Working Party (Priority A); (b) review of coal market trends by consumption sectors (Priority B); (c) consideration of distribution problems, which may, if appropriate, be made the subject of direct recommendations to Governments (Priority C).

###### 04.1.3 Statistical problems (Priority A)

Description: The Group of Experts on Coal Statistics studies regularly: (a) the preparation of coal statistics and, in particular, examination of the content of periodical bulletins of coal statistics and of the definitions used; (b) the provision of normal statistical information for publication in the annual and quarterly bulletins; (c) capital formation and production costs in the coal industries; (d) new or improved internationally comparable productivity measurements; (e) problems related to coal statistics.

###### 04.1.4 Mining problems (Priority A)

Description: The Group of Experts on Productivity and Management Problems in the Coal Industry studies regularly: (a) short-term and long-term problems of productivity in the coal industry; (b) management problems in the coal industry; (c) concentration indices in the European coal industries; (d) problems of the underground and open-cast exploitation of coal deposits.

###### 04.1.5 Solid fuel utilization and preparation (Priority A)

Description: The Group of Experts on the Utilization and Preparation of Solid Fuel studies regularly: (a) problems relating to the efficient utilization of solid fuels for various purposes (in coking industry, as a raw material in the chemical industry, for combustion, etc.); (b) problems relating to coal preparation; (c) the rational utilization of waste from the production and consumption of coal.

#### 04.1.6 Scientific research in the coal industry (Priority A)

Description: The Meeting of Directors of National Mining Research Institute studies regularly the following problems at meetings held every two or three years: (a) review of the work of national mining research institutes; (b) exchange of scientific, technical and economic information relating to the coal industry.

### 04.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 04.2.1 Coal trade problems (Priority A)

Description: In 1975, the Working Party will start consideration of (a) consequences of the energy crisis on the perspectives of the coal industry in the ECE region (Priority A).

#### 04.2.2 Statistical problems (Priority A)

Description: In 1975, the Group of Experts on Coal Statistics will consider the following problems: (a) productivity forecasts for European coal mines in 1975, by comparison with methods used in mines in various countries having the highest productivity levels in 1970; (b) statistical methods of recording and analysing working time at mechanized coal faces in order to minimise lost time; (c) number and type of shifts worked per 100 tons of coal produced; (d) methods of analysis of accident statistics in the coal mining industry; (e) the principles of presenting statistics of achievements of high production faces in such a way as to improve the general overall face performance.

#### 04.2.3 Productivity and management problems (Priority A)

Description: In 1975, the Group of Experts on Productivity and Management Problems in the Coal Industry will consider the following problems: (a) methods of constructing and means of introducing integrated data-processing systems to meet the management requirements of collieries and groups of collieries; (b) methods used for the reclamation of excavated open-cast coalfields; (c) concentration indices in the coal industries; (d) mechanization and automation of road-driving in rock and in coal; (e) progress achieved in powered supports; (f) technical factors which presently influence the achievement of high overall and high face productivity in mines; (g) means of combating sudden outbursts of coal and gas; (h) stabilization of coal and rocks in winning sections by means of injections.

#### 04.2.4 Utilization and preparation of solid fuels (Priority A)

Description: In 1975, the Group of Experts on the Utilization and Preparation of Solid Fuels will work on the following problems: (a) prospects for the use of coal in the production of liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons; (b) utilization of waste obtained in the production and consumption of coal; (c) comparison of systems of classification of hard coals by type, as used in particular countries, with the ECE international classification; (d) technical and economic aspects of new technologies and improvements in traditional methods of metallurgical coke manufacture; (e) current position and recent developments relating to the control of atmospheric and water pollution by the operation and products of coking plants; (f) various aspects of the use of coal (hard coal and brown coal) in the chemical industry.

04.2.5 Scientific research in the coal industry (Priority A)

Description: The Meeting of Directors of National Mining Research Institutes will work on the following problems: (a) the study of environmental problems resulting from coal-industry activities; (b) the present level of research and prospects for new uses of coal and new techniques of coal conversion; (c) exchange of information on the modernization, increase in capacity and construction of coal mines over short and long-terms (5 and 10-15 years respectively); (d) the next meeting will be held in the United Kingdom 1976.

## 05. - ENVIRONMENT

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems, approved by the Senior Advisers at their third session (ECE/ENV/10, paras. 73-76 and Annex I)

### 05.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 05.1.1. Exchanges of information and views on environmental policies and strategies applied in ECE countries (Priority A)

Description: (a) According to the new approach, developed on an experimental basis for the third session of the Senior Advisers, and approved at that session, the main policy debate at future sessions will be focused on an in-depth discussion on a limited number of selected topics. On the basis of a limited consultation, the secretariat is invited to present proposals for selected topics for discussion; (b) At each session of the Senior Advisers there will be an exchange of views on environmental policies and strategies. At every second session the secretariat will submit a summary report based on country statements and country monographs providing supplementary information and views on the national situation and trends in environmental policies and strategies. This report should be presented in an objective way and, if possible, in a common format. This report is to be considered as a background paper.

#### 05.1.2. Co-operation within the ECE on environmental problems and co-operation with other international organizations (Priority A)

Description: (a) At each session of the Senior Advisers a systematic review of relevant work done and planned in the field of environment by other ECE subsidiary organs will be presented. The Senior Advisers will make specific suggestions and recommendations to the Commission, in particular for a comprehensive and integrated ECE programme on the environment; (b)(i) A co-operative programme with the United Nations Environment Programme is to be implemented, in particular with regard to those projects sponsored by UNEP which concern the ECE region directly. (ii) The Senior Advisers will continue to give support to the efforts of UNEP in the development of environmental terminology; (c) Reviews are to be made at each session of the Senior Advisers of the environmental activities and programmes of other international bodies within the ECE region, to promote closer interorganizational co-operation.

#### 05.1.3. Problems of Air Pollution (Priority A)

Description: The Working Party on Air Pollution will, in 1975/76: (a) exchange views at its sixth session on the existing situation and prospects with regard to the prevention of air pollution, on the basis of information furnished by ECE Governments; (b) review and co-operate in the work on air pollution problems by other ECE bodies and other international organizations working on these problems in the ECE region; (c) facilitate the exchange of scientific, economic and technical information and documentation on problems of air pollution, including information on research carried out in various countries on the economic aspects of air pollution.

## 05.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

### 05.2.1. Problems of Air Pollution (Priority A)

Description: The Working Party on Air Pollution will, in 1975/76: (a) hold the second seminar on the desulphurization of fuels and combustion gases, in Washington D.C., on 10-12 November 1975, with special attention to new technology of fuel utilization; (b) co-operate (primarily through the secretariat) with the European Regional Office of the World Health Organization (WHO) on the preparation of a manual on air quality with relation to industrial air pollutants; (c) develop, if necessary at an ad hoc Meeting of the Working Party on Air Pollution Problems, the technical modalities of a programme for monitoring and evaluating the long-range transmission of air pollution in the ECE region, beginning with SO<sub>2</sub>; continue to develop the methodology for an inventory of SO<sub>2</sub> emission sources in the ECE region; (d) develop guidelines for the control of emission sources from specific industries, beginning with the non-ferrous metallurgical industries; (Task Force: lead country, the Federal Republic of Germany); (e)(i) study the problem of fine particulates - including the assessment of the magnitude of the problem, the present stage of knowledge of the effects on human health (in co-operation with WHO); the capabilities of existing control, technology and measurement techniques. (ii) the result of this study being carried out by a task force (lead country, United States) will lead to a seminar in 1977; (f) organize in 1976 a seminar on air pollution problems of the inorganic chemical industry; (g) collect information regarding air pollution emission coefficients, in support of project 05.2.2(c), below.

### 05.2.2. Development of environmental information necessary for economic studies and policies (Priority A)

Description: The Senior Advisers will in 1975/76: (a) continue close co-operation with the Conference of European Statisticians, with UNEP, and with the United Nations Statistical Commission. In particular, the Senior Advisers will make a contribution to a study to be undertaken by the Conference of European Statisticians on the use of statistical indicators for the evaluation of the quality of the environment. Governments are invited to nominate experts to assist the secretariat; (b) as a result of an ad hoc Meeting of Experts, held in Geneva from 11-13 November 1974, the following tasks will be carried out under the auspices of the Senior Advisers: (i) a digest of existing methods and models for evaluating the impact of man's activities on the environment to be prepared by the secretariat. (Emphasis should be placed on the practical usefulness of these formalized methods to policy makers, and the digest should aim at a comprehensive review of working methods on a regional level. Moreover, it is stressed that ecological aspects should be fully taken into account); (ii) a second ad hoc Meeting of Experts to be held in late 1975 to discuss the programme for future work, based on information in the digest and also on the relevant results of the ECE Seminar on ecological aspects of economic development planning (Rotterdam, April, 1975); (c) it was agreed that the Senior Advisers will assist, on request, in obtaining detailed information and data (e.g. emission coefficients, abatement costs, data on resources use) and co-operate in the development of a residuals generation model adapted to the European region in connexion with the United Nations study on the Impact of Prospective Environmental Issues and Policies on the International Development Strategy.



05.2.3. Studies of environmental problems in the general energy field (Priority A)

(a) Problems of energy resources and power production:

Description: The ECE secretariat is requested to continue to make sure that, in the energy study which is at present being conducted in the framework of the ECE, the environmental consequences of the solution of the problems of energy are analysed.

(b) Study on the environmental aspects of energy production and use, with particular reference to new technology, to be carried out jointly with the Senior Advisers on Science and Technology

Description: This study should concentrate on ecological aspects of significant energy sources leaving aside, *inter alia*, radio-active pollution questions. It should be undertaken in close co-operation with the secretariats of other international organizations. This study might be carried out by a joint group of experts from the Senior Advisers on Environmental Problems and the Senior Advisers on Science and Technology, on the basis of a draft paper to be prepared by the ECE secretariat.

05.2.4. Natural resources management in terms of ecological considerations (Priority A)

(a) Seminar on the collection, disposal, treatment and recycling of solid waste.

Description: In accordance with the decision of the preparatory meeting convened in Geneva from 11-12 September 1974, the seminar will be held in Hamburg (Federal Republic of Germany) from 1-6 September 1975. As agreed by the preparatory meeting, the proposed main topics for discussion will be: (1) assessment of the general situation and main problem areas in the field of solid waste management; (2) reduction and treatment of municipal and industrial solid wastes at source; (3) community and industry solid waste practices and planning, including the collection, disposal and treatment of solid waste; (4) recovery and re-use of solid waste generated by municipalities and industries.

(b) Seminar on the principles and creation of non-waste technology and production.

Description: (i) The seminar on this subject will be convened at Arc-en-Senans (France) in late 1976. At the seminar due attention should be paid both to theoretical or conceptual aspects of non-waste technology and the practical application of non-waste technology in various branches of industry. (ii) The preparation for the seminar should be organized in close co-operation with other ECE Principal Subsidiary Bodies and appropriate international organizations. (iii) A preparatory meeting for the seminar should take into account the results of two meetings on this subject (held in October 1974 and January 1975) the outcome of the discussion at the third session of the Senior Advisers and the activities of international organizations in related fields.

05.2.5. Seminar on ecological aspects of economic development planning (Priority A)

Description: Under the joint sponsorship of the Senior Advisers on Environmental Problems and the Senior Economic Advisers, the seminar will be held at Rotterdam (Netherlands) from 7 to 11 April 1975, in accordance with the Programme and Organization of the seminar, as laid out in document ENV/SEM.2/1; EC.AD/SEM.3/1.

05.2.6. Development of common approaches to the control of discharges of toxic chemicals and toxic wastes into the environment (Priority A)

Description: The Senior Advisers will, in 1975/76: (a) exchange information on the following topics: (i) state of legislation, both national and international; (ii) international efforts in the field of toxic wastes undertaken by other international organizations; (iii) national practices and problems; (b) establish close co-operation with UNEP, particularly with reference to the development of the International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals; (c) discuss at their next session the possible organization of a seminar on the control of discharges of toxic chemicals and toxic wastes into the environment.

05.2.7. Examination of the methods of establishing national protection standards for major water pollutants (Priority A)

Description: The Senior Advisers requested the secretariat (a) to complete document ENV/R.32 on the basis of additional information submitted by the ECE member countries and international organizations, for their consideration at the next session.

05.2.8. The role of transport in the urban environment (Priority A)

Description: (a) The Senior Advisers will co-sponsor, with the ECE Committee on Housing, Building and Planning and the Inland Transport Committee, a seminar to be held in Washington, D.C. from 14 to 26 June 1976. (b) A preparatory meeting for this seminar will take place in Geneva from 24-26 March 1975.

05.2.9. Economic assessment of environmental damage (Priority A)

Description: (a) A programme of work will be established by the task force, for which the lead country is the USSR. (b) Attention will be concentrated on a reasonably specific topic - i.e. within a particular sector of activities, or on a particular type of pollutant. The task force is to decide upon the topic.

05.2.10. Environmental problems concerning large areas and the development of tourism (Priority A)

(a) Environmental problems concerning large areas

Description: The secretariat should continue to collect information relevant to environmental problems concerning large areas and will revise and bring up to date document ENV/R.33 for the fourth session of the Senior Advisers.

(b) Problems of tourism

Description: As a contribution to the Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE region, to be held in Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia) from 13 to 18 October 1975, the Senior Advisers request the secretariat to draw up a list of environmental concerns to be taken into account in the relevant planning context.

05.2.11. Study of the problem of noise (Priority A)

Description: Work on this project will be continued by the task force, for which the lead country (United States of America) has already circulated a proposed programme of work. The first meeting of the task force is scheduled to take place in Geneva in April 1975.

## 06. - ELECTRIC POWER

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Electric Power, approved by the Committee at its thirty-third session (ECE/EP/11, paras. 67-68 and Annex I).

### 06.1. CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 06.1.1. Analysis of the electric power situation in Europe and its prospects (Priority A)

Description: (a) The Committee will undertake the periodic triennial study of the electric power situation in Europe and will analyse the prospects for this industry. As a basis for discussion, the secretariat will prepare a study based on information communicated by the ECE countries. (b) The Committee will also consider a brief document on the electric power situation during the past year, prepared on the basis of information supplied to the secretariat by the ECE countries.

#### 06.1.2. Planning and operation of large power systems (Priority A)

Description: The Group of Experts on Problems of Planning and Operating Large Power Systems will continue its work on the particularly important problems in this field set out under 06.2.1. below.

#### 06.1.3. Electric power stations (Priority A)

Description: The Group of Experts on Electric Power Stations will consider several problems that are particularly important in this field, as indicated under 06.2.2. below.

#### 06.1.4. Relationship between electricity and the environment (Priority A)

Description: (a) The Group of Experts on the Relationship between Electricity and the Environment will consider the technical and economic aspects of this subject indicated under 06.2.3. below from the following points of view: (i) contribution of the development of electric power to the improvement of the environment; (ii) environmental problems related to the production, transmission and distribution of electric power and means of solving them; (iii) influence of the environment on the electric power industry's installations; (iv) general problems concerning the rational use of electric power. (b) The Group of Experts will review the activities of international organizations pertaining to the relationship between electricity and the environment.

#### 06.1.5. Distribution of electric power and rural electrification (Priority B)

Description: (a) The Group of Experts on Distribution and Rural Electrification will continue its work on the problems indicated under 06.2.4. below. (b) The Group of Experts will undertake the periodic triennial study of the rural electrification situation in Europe; as a basis for discussion the Secretariat will prepare a study based on information communicated by the ECE countries.

06.1.6. Legal or administrative problems (Priority B)

Description: The Committee will examine the following questions: (a) Legal or administrative difficulties which tend to hamper transfers of electric power across frontiers; drafting of recommendations to the Governments concerned; the secretariat has been asked to place its services at the disposal of Governments, at their request, in order to facilitate negotiations between them concerning the inter-connexion of their networks or for the purpose of making more detailed studies of the problems arising in connexion with such negotiations. (b) Legal or administrative difficulties which tend to hamper the hydro-electric development of contiguous or successive waterways; drafting of recommendations to the Governments concerned; the secretariat has been asked to place its services at the disposal of Governments, at their request, in order to assist them in negotiating agreements on the development of such waterways.

06.1.7. Statistical problems (Priority C)

Description: The Committee will consider the form of presentation of the periodical bulletins of electric energy statistics and the definitions employed.

06.2. Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

06.2.1. Planning and operation of large power systems

Description: The Group of Experts on Problems of Planning and Operating Large Power Systems will continue its work on the following problems: (a) Interconnexion of the electric power transmission systems of the countries of the ECE region: (i) Economic criteria and methods for determining the choice of solutions for inter-connexion (Priority A); (ii) consideration of certain problems involved in the interconnexion of the electric power transmission systems of the countries of eastern and western Europe by means of very long, high capacity transmission lines; conditions of operation in parallel, frequency and power control, reliability of interconnexion, use of direct current, strengthening of certain national networks (Priority A); (iii) consideration of the possibilities offered by certain countries for the development of transfers of electric power across frontiers and by relay (Priority A); (iv) economic and technical problems involved in the interconnexion of the electric power transmission systems of the Balkan countries (Priority A); (v) map of the high-voltage electric power networks and the main electric power stations in Europe (Priority B). (b) Role of electricity in satisfying future energy needs and international co-operation in this field; a symposium on this subject will be held at Delphi and Athens (Greece) from 19 to 23 May 1975 (Priority A). (c) Methods and criteria applicable to the design and planning of large power systems (Priority A). (d) Harmonization of existing laws relating to international electricity exchanges (Priority B). Work on the following subject might begin in 1975: (e) Economic problems involved in the integration of nuclear power stations in electric power systems (Priority A).

### 06.2.2. Electric power stations

#### A. Thermal power stations

Description: The Group of Experts on Electric Power Stations will continue its work on the following problems: (a) Study of problems of air and water pollution, noise, etc., caused by thermal power stations (Priority A); (b) Combined production of heat and electricity for large industrial and urban complexes (Priority A); (c) Technical and economic studies of the efficiency of thermal power stations operating on different steam-gas cycles (Priority A); (d) The role of gas-turbine power stations in covering the variable part of the load curve (Priority A); (e) Experience of operation of thermal-power-station blocks having a nominal capacity exceeding 200 MW (Priority A); (f) Problems of the design and construction of very large thermal power stations equipped with generating sets not exceeding 500 MW in rated capacity and burning low-grade coal (Priority B); (g) Production and use of ash (Priority B).

#### B. Nuclear power stations

Description: The Group of Experts on Electric Power Stations will continue its work on the following subjects: (a) Economic features of the use of nuclear power stations in comparison with conventional thermal power stations, in the light of experience gained in the design and operation of these stations (Priority A); (b) Problems involved in the selection of sites for the construction of nuclear power stations, taking into account their influence on the environment (Priority A).

#### C. Hydro-electric schemes

Description: The Group of Experts on Electric Power Stations will continue its work on the following subjects: (a) Problems presented by pumped-storage power stations as important elements in electric power systems (Priority A); (b) Methodological principles for optimizing the date of entry into service of pumped-storage power stations in a developing mixed electric power system (Priority B); (c) Evaluation of the hydro-electric potential in Europe (Priority B);

### 06.2.3. Relationship between electricity and the environment (Priority A)

Description: The Group of Experts will continue its work on the following subjects: (a) Scientific research in the field of the relationship between electricity and the environment; a special meeting on this topic will be held in 1975; (b) The contribution of electric power and its development to the improvement of the environment; (c) The integration of electric power installations in the environment; (d) The influence of air pollution on the design and operation of the external electrical insulation of stations and substations and of overhead lines; (e) Risk of shortages in the supply of electric power resulting from delays in the construction of electric power plants caused by technical requirements related to environmental protection, insufficient co-ordination with the environmental authorities at the planning stage, and public opinion; (f) Comparative study of the legal regulations concerning the obligations as regards the environment to be fulfilled in the design, construction and operation of thermal power stations; (g) Comparative study of the legal obligations regarding the environment to be fulfilled in the construction of high-voltage transmission lines; (h) Desulphurization policies affecting the production of electric power; (i) Environmental problems caused by the production of electricity of nuclear origin; (j) Value of a suitably-timed information campaign to publicize the results of the studies on the relationship between electricity and the environment.

#### 06.2.4. Distribution of electric power and rural electrification

Description: The Group of Experts on Distribution and Rural Electrification will continue its work on the following subjects: (a) Comparative analysis of methods used in forecasting the demand for supply capacity and for electric power in rural areas (Priority A); (b) The increase in the use of electricity in the rural sector, for homes and farms, and the effect of that increase on the development of distribution networks (Priority A); (c) Influence of the development of electric heating in rural dwellings, especially farms, on electricity consumption and on the load of rural networks (Priority B); (d) Level of reliability of supply through rural networks and its influence on the cost of modernizing and strengthening such networks (Priority B); (e) The most important electrically-operated installations and appliances for thermal processes on farms (Priority B). Work on the following subject might begin in 1975: (f) Methods used in planning and building medium-voltage distribution networks (Priority A).

#### 06.2.5. Other problems

Description: The Committee will continue its work on (a) rational use of electric power, (b) problems raised by international standardization in the field of electric power (Priority A).

07. - GAS

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Gas, approved by the Committee at its twenty-first session (ECE/GAS/16, paras. 49-56 and Annex I)

07.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

07.1.1 Analysis of the gas situation in Europe and its prospects (Priority A)

Description: (a) At each annual session the Committee examines the gas situation in Europe and its prospects; and (b) periodically considers a triennial study prepared by the secretariat on the gas situation in Europe and its prospects. (c) At its next session, it will consider a triennial study on the gas situation and its prospects, prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of data and information received from Governments for 1972 to 1974.

07.1.2 Analysis of the natural gas markets in Europe (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will make its annual analysis of natural gas markets in Europe as a part of the analysis of the gas situation and prospects in Europe on the basis of information transmitted by Governments.

07.1.3 Problems in the use and distribution of gas (Priority A)

Description: The Group of Experts on the Use and Distribution of Gas will continue its study of problems of special importance in this field.

07.1.4 Problems in the transport and storage of gas (Priority A)

Description: The Group of Experts on the Transport and Storage of Gas will continue its study of problems of special importance in this field.

07.1.5 Statistical problems

Description: The Group of Experts on Gas Statistics will continue its work with respect to the coverage, definitions and units used in the ECE Bulletin of Gas Statistics.

07.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.

07.2.1 Problems in the use and distribution of gas

Description: The Group of Experts on the Use and Distribution of Gas will continue its work on the following problems: (a) A final report will be issued on the use of gas in agriculture, horticulture and stock breeding (Priority B); (b) Studies will continue on technical and economic advantages of the use of gas from the environmental point of view: (i) environmental advantages resulting from the use of gas instead of other forms of energy, and the use of gas for effluent and refuse treatment (Priority A); (ii) environmental aspects of gas distribution systems (Priority A); (c) the use of gas to meet total energy needs of certain types of consumption centres (Priority A); (d) uses of gas in the mechanical industry (Priority A); (e) the determination and use of theoretical and actual capacities,



load factor of distribution systems (Priority A); (f) harmonization of standards of gas distribution equipment and appliances (Priority B); (g) consideration of the rational use of gas in various sectors of economy, and relevant conservation ethics - methods of determining the efficiency of the use of gas in various branches of industry (Priority A); (h) economics of using gases with a high nitrogen (inert) content (Priority B); (i) experience in the use of SNG (Substitute Natural Gas) (Priority B); (j) promotion of summer gas sales (Priority A); (k) estimation of natural gas consumption in reheat furnaces in the iron and steel industry (Priority A); (l) possibility of using hydrogen in existing gas transport and distribution facilities in future (Priority B);

#### 07.2.2 Problems in the transport and storage of gas

Description: The Group of Experts on the Transport and Storage of Gas will continue its studies on: (a) the determination of optimal distances between compressor stations constructed on long-distance pipelines of different diameters and pressures (Priority A); (b) economic aspects of the chain of liquefaction of natural gas and its transport by sea, rail and road, its storage in liquefied form and its transport by pipeline (Priority A); (c) sea pipelines for the transport of gas (Priority B); (d) methods of prolonging the life of pipelines (Priority A); (e) problems arising from the internal lining of pipelines and their economic implications (Priority B); (f) underground storage of gas (Priority A). Work will be initiated on (g) economic and technical prerequisites for determining the load factor of gas transport pipelines (Priority A).

#### 07.2.3 Statistical problems

Description: The Group of Experts on Gas Statistics will continue work on: (a) questions arising from the gradual transition to the International System of Units (the SI-Units) in many countries (Priority A); (b) collection of statistical information on underground gas storage facilities (Priority A); (c) consideration of the international comparison of ratios within the gas industry (Priority B) and will start work on (d) harmonization of questionnaires (circulated by various international bodies in the field of gas statistics), especially the definitions and their presentation (Priority A); (e) additional data collected on a regular basis for inclusion in the Gas Bulletins (the additional data requested by Governments and various international bodies) (Priority A); (f) consideration of technical problems related to the "overall balance sheets of energy" (Priority A).

#### 07.2.4 Problems of evaluation and exploitation of natural gas resources

Description: The ad hoc Meeting on Natural Gas Resources will be convened in 1975 to consider the problems of evaluation and exploitation of natural gas resources. This meeting will examine the progress made in the following studies: (a) economics and technology of the recovery of gas from the fields located in off-shore areas (Priority A); (b) relationship between the production technology and recovery factor in gas reservoir (Priority B); (c) compilation of a glossary on natural gas reserves and the economy of their exploitation (in the three working languages of the ECE) (Priority A); (d) the annual collection and publication of statistics and geological information on natural gas resources (Priority B).

07.2.5 Forecasting Gas Demand (Priority A)

Description: In 1975 the ad hoc Meeting on the Methods of Forecasting Gas Demand will be convened jointly with the Group of Experts on Gas Statistics. The Meeting will consider the use of computers in forecasting gas demand, with particular reference to models, software and programmes used in forecasting gas demand.

07.2.6 Investments in the gas industry and their financing possibilities (Priority A)

Description: An ad hoc Meeting will be held in 1975 to consider: (a) the investments in the gas industry and their financing possibilities; and (b) depreciation practices and schemes for the capital cost of gas distribution systems, taking into account increased government participation in financing the new distribution systems.

07.2.7 Co-operation in the field of research (Priority A)

Description: The Committee on Gas decided to convene a Meeting of directors and administrators of research institutes or centres in 1976. The secretariat will contact Governments with a view to finding which country would host the Meeting.

## 08. - HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, approved by the Committee at its thirty-fifth session (ECE/HBP/11, paras. 83-85 and Annex I)

### 08.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 08.1.1 - Exchange of views on current trends and policies in the field of housing, building and planning (Priority A)

Description: At its plenary session in September 1975, the Committee will conduct its regular annual exchange of views on current housing, building and planning trends, policies and new developments. These discussions will be based on country monographs on trends in this field, including environmental aspects, to be circulated in conjunction with the Committee's thirty-fifth session, brought up-to-date as required by supplementary notes to be circulated before the thirty-sixth session.

#### 08.1.2 - Housing, building and planning statistics (Priority A)

Description: A Group of Experts sponsored jointly by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning and the Conference of European Statisticians will study (a) the relationship between current housing statistics and housing censuses, (b) the housing sub-system of the system of Social and Demographic Statistics (SSDS) and (c) the contents of the 1970 survey of the housing situation; (d) information on the practice followed in the 1970 housing censuses will be collected.

#### 08.1.3 - Technical co-operation and contacts (Priority A)

Description: (a) In connexion with its annual session, the Committee will conduct, in September 1975, a study tour to Portugal and Spain. (b) The Committee will also continue to maintain close co-operation with the international technical and professional organizations working in related fields of competence. (c) It is expected that a trilingual (English, French and Russian) glossary of technical terms in the field of housing and building will be published through co-operative arrangements with the secretariat of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA).

#### 08.1.4 - Problems in the field of environment (Priority A)

Description: All the three Working Parties will continue to be concerned with the environmental aspects of their respective fields of work (see projects 08.2.1, 08.2.2 and 08.2.3). In addition several projects cutting across housing, building and planning will have important environmental components (see 08.1.1, 08.2.5, 08.2.6, 08.2.7, 08.2.8 and 08.2.9).

### 08.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 08.2.1 - Socio-economic aspects of housing

Description: (a) The Working Party on Housing will continue methodological work in the field of estimating housing needs (Priority A); (b) preparations for a seminar on housing for special group of the population to be held in the Netherlands in July 1976

will be undertaken (Priority A); (c) work will be initiated on a project on major trends in housing policies in ECE countries (Priority A); (d) exploratory work for a project on the relationship between housing and the national economy will be initiated (Priority A). Exploratory work for the following projects may be initiated: (e) follow-up work to the seminar on programming of housing (Priority B); (f) rent policy; home ownership and family budgets (Priority B); (g) enquiries related to housing: methods and experiences (Priority B); (h) new developments and trends in financing of housing (Priority B); (i) environmental aspects of housing policy (Priority B); (j) The Working Party, at its fifth session in summer 1975, will conduct an exchange of views on current trends and policies in the field of housing and organize an in-depth discussion on a topical subject.

#### 08.2.2 - Building materials and construction

Description: (a) The Working Party on the Building Industry will continue preparations for the Fifth ECE Seminar on the Building Industry to be held in Budapest in autumn 1976 on the theme "The building industry and the environment" (Priority A). (b) Operational and co-ordinating activities relating to the harmonization of the technical content of building regulations will be continued (Priority A). (c) The Working Party on the Building Industry will continue to promote international standardization in the building field (Priority A). Seminars will be held (d) in June 1975 (jointly with the Timber Committee) on the industrial production and use of wood-based products in the building industry and (e) in January 1976 in Denmark on long-term prospects and policies in the construction sector (Priority A). (f) An ad hoc meeting on the use of computers in the building industry will be convened in Paris in autumn 1975 (Priority A). (g) An enquiry on mechanization in transport, handling and assembling of building components will be carried out in preparation for a seminar to be held in 1977 in a country to be designated (Priority A). Work will continue on projects dealing with: (h) policies relating to research and development in the building industry; (i) energy conservation problems related to construction activities; and (j) methodology for international comparisons in the construction field (Priority A).

#### 08.2.3 - Regional and Urban planning and development

Description: A Group of Experts on Urban and Regional Research will sponsor (Priority A) expert meetings on; (a) selected aspects of information systems for planning; (b) the internal organization of research institutes; (c) the use of action research in order to develop urban planning policies and (d) the economics of urban renewal. (e) The Group will also prepare a second series of national research digests (Priority A) and (f) continue preparations for the Third ECE Conference on Urban and Regional Research, to be held in 1976 in Poland (Priority A). (g) The Working Party on Regional and Urban Planning and Development will organize a seminar on national and regional planning as frameworks for local planning to be held in Finland in May/June 1975 (Priority A) as well as (h) a seminar on impact of transport on settlement planning in the United States (June 1976) (Priority A). Studies will be continued on (i) selected aspects of the quality of life in urban settlements (Priority B); and (j) urban and regional research policy and organization (Priority B).

08.2.4 - Housing, building and planning problems and policies in the countries of southern Europe (Priority A)

Description: A Group of Experts charged with studying problems and policies of particular concern to the countries of southern Europe will meet in Belgrade in May 1975. An in-depth discussion will be organized on a comprehensive and integrated approach to the planning and building of new housing estates.

08.2.5 - Housing tomorrow (Priority A)

Description: A seminar on this subject will be held in November 1975 in Greece.

08.2.6 - Improvement of housing and its immediate surroundings (Priority A)

Description: A second ad hoc meeting will be convened in December 1975 to pursue the programme of work in this field.

08.2.7 - Contribution to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Priority A)

Description: (a) A rapporteur will prepare a synthesized analytical report of country monographs on problems and policies related to the future pattern and forms of human settlements to be worked out by ECE Governments on the basis of an agreed outline. (b) A draft of this paper will be examined by the Committee at its 1975 session, and subsequently revised by the rapporteur in the light of comments by the Committee for submission to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements as a contribution by the Committee to the Conference's documentation. (c) The Committee will also hold a pre-Vancouver conference debate at its 1975 session, based on a paper to be submitted by the secretariat of the Conference.

08.2.8 - Contribution to the ECE Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE region (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will contribute to the documentation for the ECE Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE region, to be held in Yugoslavia in Autumn 1975, by means of a comprehensive report based on a synthesis of reports published and experiences gained by the Committee in fields related to the theme of the Symposium.

08.2.9 - Energy problems in the field of housing, building and planning (Priority A)

Description: (a) A study on energy problems in the field of housing, building and planning, prepared by the secretariat and reviewed by the Committee at its thirty-fifth session, will be further examined and developed by the Working Party on the Building Industry and the Working Party on Regional and Urban Planning and Development. (b) The Working Party on the Building Industry will pursue specialized studies on selected energy problems related to construction activities.

## 09. - INLAND TRANSPORT

Authority: Programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee, approved by the Committee at its thirty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/11, paras. 143-148 and Annex 3)

### 09.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 09.1.1 Studies of transport policy (Priority A)

Description: The Committee and its subsidiary bodies, taking into account inter alia the work done in other international forums, and the information provided by Governments, will (a) continue to observe and identify the general trends in the development of transport and (b) will also continue to observe Government transport policy, with due regard for measures adopted in that connexion to save energy, fuel and manpower, with a view to determining what action to take.

#### 09.1.2. Statistics on transport and road traffic accidents

Description: (a) The secretariat will collect and circulate transport statistics and statistics on road traffic accidents (Priority A); (b) the Group of Experts on Transport Statistics will consider proposals for additions to the Glossary and for terms and definitions for statistical purposes (Priority B); (c) road traffic censuses; monitor the taking of the 1975 Road Traffic Censuses and consider recommendations for taking of the 1980 traffic censuses (Priority B); and (d) review methods for obtaining statistics on international road transport (Priority B).

#### 09.1.3. Science and Technology (Priority A)

Description: The various bodies of the Inland Transport Committee will implement in their respective fields of activity the provisions of the relevant Commission resolutions.

#### 09.1.4. Urban and suburban transport (Priority A)

Description: Information on studies in this field carried out by other bodies will be circulated.

#### 09.1.5. Facilitation of the movement of transport equipment, passengers and goods by the improvement and unification of Customs facilities and procedures

Description: The Group of Experts on Customs Questions affecting Transport will:  
(a) Complete the preparatory work for the revision of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) to be undertaken at a Review Conference (Priority A); (b) follow up the implementation of the substantive provisions of the Customs Convention on Containers, 1972 (Priority A); (c) continue efforts to extend the scope of measures aimed at the simplification or abolition of Customs documents for certain transport operations by rail under cover of an international consignment note (Priority A); (d) study Customs problems arising in connexion with the utilization of ship-borne barges, in particular with regard to their temporary admission (Priority A); and (e) review of implementation of the relevant recommendations aimed at the prevention of the abuse of Customs transit systems by drug smugglers (Priority B).

09.1.6. Transport of dangerous goods (Priority A)

Description: (a) The Group of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods will consider the comments and the proposed amendments relating to Annexes A and B of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR); (b) the Group of Experts will prepare, as a matter of priority, provisions concerning the carriage of substances covered by derogations from the provisions of Annex A or Annex B and of new substances not at present subject to the provisions of those Annexes. This work will, so far as the provisions coming within the purview of Annex A are concerned, be carried out in the context of the Joint Meetings with the RID Safety Committee; (c) the Group of Experts will synchronize the work on amendments to the Annexes of ADR and to the International Regulations concerning the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID); and (d) as regards the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN) the Group of Experts will prepare a draft resolution and will continue the revision of Annexes A and B (ADN).

09.1.7. Transport of perishable foodstuffs

Description: Administrative questions: (a) Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP); (i) entry into force and implementation of the Agreement (Priority A); (ii) study of the problems raised by the provisions of the Agreement (Priority A); and (b) packagings for certain perishable foodstuffs (Priority B).

Technical questions: Studies required for the purposes of administrative questions referred to above in (a)(i) (Priority A), and in (a)(ii) and (b) (Priority B).

09.1.8. Combined transport (Priority A)

Multimodal transport, including transport by container and other unitized forms

Description: The Group of Rapporteurs on Container Transport will (a) study the administrative, technical, economic, legal and facilitative aspects of multimodal (intermodal) transport; (b) it will study in particular the impact of combined transport on the inland modes of transport as well as (c) study measures, such as standardization, to achieve the fullest possible interchangeability of containers between the modes of transport.

09.1.9. Facilitation of international road transport

Description: Work in this connexion will include: (a) study of questions relating to the implementation of the Conventions on international road transport (Priority A); (b) consideration of questions of principle regarding regular international passenger transport services passing through the territory of more than two countries (Priority B); (c) study of problems connected with facilitation and liberalization of the carriage of passengers and goods by road (Priority B); (d) dissemination of information on national requirements concerning the permitted maximum weight and maximum dimensions of road vehicles (Priority C); (e) dissemination of the texts of bilateral agreements on the carriage of passengers and goods by road (Priority B); and (f) study of questions related to the use of fuel by power-driven vehicles (Priority A).

09.1.10 Road traffic safety (Priority A)

Description: Work in this connexion will include: (a) the study of questions and preparation of recommendations concerning road signs and signals and road traffic regulations; (b) the study of questions concerning (i) the education and behaviour of road users and, in particular, (ii) the training and instruction of drivers and (iii) road traffic education in schools; (c) the selection and compilation of statistical data on road traffic accidents and study of such data for guidance as to the areas in which action is most urgently needed; and (d) the study of questions and preparation of draft regulations and recommendations concerning safety requirements for the construction of vehicles.

09.1.11. Facilitation of international trade in motor vehicles and their equipment and parts (Priority A)

Description: Work in this connexion will include preparation of international regulations (including test procedures and methods of measurement) to be annexed to the 1958 Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts.

09.1.12. International road vehicle insurance ("green card" system) (Priority C)

Description: Work in this connexion will include the consideration of all matters relating to the operation of the system.

09.1.13. Control of noise and air pollution caused by motor vehicles (Priority A)

Description: Work in this connexion will include: (a) establishment and gradual reduction of admissible limits concerning motor vehicle noise and emissions of pollutants; and (b) development of technical requirements concerning test procedures, methods of measurement, etc.

09.1.14. Working conditions in the road transport industry (Priority B)

Description: Work in this connexion will include the consideration of questions relating to the implementation of the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR).

09.1.15. Co-ordination on a European basis of activities in road transport (Priority B)

Description: Exchange of information on programmes and activities among international organizations concerned.

09.1.16. Rail transport (Priority A)

Description: The Working Party on Rail Transport will: (a) review the work of other bodies of the Inland Transport Committee relating to rail transport; (b) follow the progress and examine the results of studies made by the International Union of Railways (UIC) and the Organization for Co-operation between Railways (OSZhd) on problems of standardization and utilization of rolling stock and the adoption of automatic coupling



including the arrangements for its introduction; and (c) consider the difficulties encountered at frontiers by rail transport with regard both to administrative organization and to the capacity of installations and attempt to eliminate them.

09.1.17. Standardization of technical requirements and ships' papers (Priority A)

Description: The Working Party on Inland Water Transport will study: (a) the preparation of standardized technical requirements for cargo-carrying and passenger-carrying inland navigation vessels; (b) the standardization or possible reciprocal recognition of certain ships' papers; and (c) the reciprocal recognition of certain requirements relating to the issue of boatmasters' certificates.

09.1.18. New techniques in inland navigation (Priority A)

Description: The Working Party on Inland Water Transport will study: (a) the development of pushing techniques (general exchange of information; operation of pushers; standardization of pushed barges; handling in ports), (b) the effect on the productivity of inland water transport of the gradual introduction of special-purpose vessels, including container-carrying vessels; (c) problems connected with ship-borne barge carriage or with any other system comparable in technical, economic, or administrative respects; and (d) the use of computers in the planning, management and analysis of inland water transport.

09.1.19. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Priority A)

Description: European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) and Resolution No.1 of the Sub-Committee on Inland Water Transport: amendments, additions and implementation.

09.1.20. Conventions on inland navigation (Priority A)

Description: The Working Party on Inland Water Transport will review the implementation of the Conventions on inland navigation.

09.1.21. Water pollution by inland navigation vessels (Priority B)

Description: The Working Party on Inland Water Transport will (a) continue to review and circulate experience gained in combating water pollution by inland navigation vessels. (b) It will convene an ad hoc meeting to study the ways of improving the present situation and the adoption of more effective measures.

09.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

09.2.1. Transport by ropeway (Priority A)

Description: The revision of resolution No. 208/Rev.2 might be considered to ensure conformity with technical developments.

#### 09.2.2. Transport of dangerous goods (Priority A)

Description: The Group of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods will study the problems raised by developments in transport techniques and in materials and goods transported. It will examine such measures to prevent water pollution during transport as may be proposed to it by the Committee on Water Problems and by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.

#### 09.2.3. Statistics on transport

Description: The Group of Experts will: (a) initiate study of statistics concerning the use of energy in transport (Priority A); (b) consider the International Standard Classification of Goods and Services (ICGS) as it relates to transport (Priority A); and (c) develop container transport statistics and review methodology employed (Priority B).

#### 09.2.4. Transport by container (Priority A)

Description: The Group of Rapporteurs on Container Transport will: (a) consider the desirability of preparing draft agreements to supplement, where appropriate, at a regional level, agreements reached at the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic; (b) co-operate in the preparation of the necessary preparatory studies and, in particular, in the elaboration of a draft convention on international intermodal transport dealing inter alia with the liability and documentary régime of such transport; and (c) co-operate with UNCTAD in the preparatory work for an ad hoc intergovernmental group on container standards for international multimodal transport.

#### 09.2.5. Road signs and signals

Description: Work in this connexion will include: (a) the study of methods of testing road traffic signs (Priority B); (b) the study of signs and markings to be used for bus lanes and of other signs and markings if necessary (Priority A); (c) the standardization of requirements concerning road traffic light signals (Priority A); and (d) the study of questions related to the implementation of existing instruments and recommendations (Priority A).

#### 09.2.6. Road Traffic (Priority A)

Description: Work in this connexion will include the study of questions relating to (a) the use of vehicle lights in various traffic conditions and the marks to be shown by certain categories of vehicles (slow, long, etc.); (b) the implementation of existing instruments and recommendations; (c) pedestrian safety; (d) speed limits; and (e) safety problems concerning two-wheeled vehicles.

#### 09.2.7. Road driving permits (Priority B)

Description: Work in this connexion will include the study of matters related to the implementation of the draft agreement on minimum requirements for the issue and validity of driving permits (APU).

09.2.8. Control of air pollution and noise caused by motor vehicles (Priority A)

Description: Work in this connexion will include: (a) the extension to other categories of vehicles such as motor cycles of present provisions (Regulations Nos. 9, 15 and 24 annexed to the 1958 Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts); (b) the study of the possibility of limiting emissions of certain pollutants not covered by existing regulations; and (c) revision of test procedures.

09.2.9. Construction of road vehicles and their equipment and parts (Priority A)

Description: Work in this connexion will include the preparation of draft technical requirements for the construction of vehicles and their equipment and parts, more particularly in the following areas: (a) fitting of lighting and signalling devices; (b) driver's field of vision; (c) agricultural tractors; (d) special restraining devices; (e) public service vehicles; (f) stability of heavy vehicles; (g) special signalling and lighting devices; and (h) caravans.

09.2.10. Road transport infrastructure (Priority A)

Description: Work in this connexion will include consideration of all matters connected with the implementation of the European Agreement or Main International Traffic Arteries replacing the Declaration on the Construction of Main International Traffic Arteries (1950).

09.2.11. Transit traffic (Priority A)

Description: Study of problems concerning road transit traffic of certain categories of goods.

09.2.12. Liability in connexion with the carriage of hazardous substances by road  
(Priority B)

Description: Study of the results of an enquiry on existing legislation and practice in European countries concerning liability in connexion with the carriage of hazardous substances by road.

09.2.13. Facilitation of health control operations in the international road transport of goods (Priority C)

Description: Consideration of the results of an enquiry on cases where delays due to health, phytosanitary and veterinary controls have occurred.

09.2.14. Standardization of licence forms used in international transport (Priority A)

09.2.15. Rail transport

Description: The Working Party on Rail Transport will: (a) study (i) technical and organizational measures to promote high-speed rail traffic including environmental problems, and (ii) the development of methods to reduce the cost of electrification and dieselization and to reduce energy consumption in railway operations (Priority A); (b) consider (i) questions raised by the development of passenger transport, the prospects for the development of rail transport, the use of computers in rail transport operations (Priority B); (ii) the results of studies by UIC and OSZhd concerning electro-pneumatic braking (Priority B) and (iii) various other economic and/or technical questions (Priority C).

09.2.16. Inland water transport

Description: The Working Party on Inland Water Transport will: (a) continue the preparation of a convention on the contract for the carriage of passengers and luggage in inland navigation (CWIN) (Priority A); (b) consider the advisability of resuming work with a view to the conclusion of a convention on the contract for the carriage of goods in inland navigation (CWIN) (Priority C); (c) continue to study measures to be adopted to control noise and vibration on commercial vessels (Priority B); (d) study measures to be adopted to control noise caused by pleasure craft (Priority A); (e) draft provisions concerning lake navigation and navigation for pleasure (Priority A); (f) review the implementation of the international certificate for pleasure craft and of the certificate of competence for pleasure craft operators (Priority A); (g) consider the standardization of certain devices for coupling pushed barges to one another, to pusher craft and to self-propelled pusher barges (Priority B); and (h) study certain aspects of prospects for the development of inland water transport (Priority A).

09.2.17. Urban and suburban transport (Priority A)

Description: The Inland Transport Committee will co-sponsor the ECE Seminar on the impact of transportation on settlement planning.

10. - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology, approved by the Senior Advisers at their third session (ECE/SC.TECH/6, para. 64 and Annex I).

10.1.1. Problems of scientific and technological policy: Principal field of activity No. 1 (Priority A)

Description:

- (a) Methodological studies, reviews and analyses: On the basis provided by the Bucharest Seminar on the Effective Application of Science and Technology in Industry, particular problems arising in technological policy will be analysed with a view to elaborating policy recommendations.
- (b) Technological forecasting and technology assessment: In the light of the results of the ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Innovation in Energy Technologies, arrangements will be made for a study on environmental factors and technology assessment relevant to innovations in the energy sector, to be undertaken in association with the Senior Advisers on Environmental Problems, following the third session of that body and taking into account appropriate work already being done by other international bodies.
- (c) Transfer of technology: A Seminar on the Management of the Transfer of Technology within Industrial Co-operation will take place in Geneva from 14 to 17 July 1975. A frame of reference for the preparation of case-studies will be issued by the secretariat. The Seminar will examine, in particular, ways and means of reviewing problems and increasing efficiency in technology transfer.
- (d) Dissemination of scientific and technological information: Provision will be made for obtaining from ECE Governments and interested bodies, especially UNESCO, the information required for completion of the secretariat report on dissemination of scientific and technological information.
- (e) Improvement of statistics of science and technology: Preparations will be completed for convening, under the auspices of the Senior Advisers on Science and Technology, the Conference of European Statisticians and UNESCO, a Joint Seminar on Statistics of Science and Technology to be held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in October 1975.

10.1.2. The organization and management of co-operative international research: Principal field of activity No. 2 (Priority A)

Description: (a) In the light of the results of the Seminar on the Organization and Management of Co-operative International Research, which took place in Warsaw from 23 to 26 September 1974, and of the discussions which took place at their third session, the Senior Advisers will continue to undertake studies and related activities in this field. (b) For this purpose, they will convene an ad hoc Meeting of Rapporteurs in Geneva in April 1975 and ask them to determine how this work should be continued.

10.1.3. Innovation in energy technologies: Principal field of activity No. 3  
(Priority A)

Description: (a) In the light of the findings of the ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Innovation in Energy Technologies which took place 23-25 October 1974, and of the discussions which took place at their third session, the Senior Advisers will engage in a systematic assessment of the potential for technological innovation in the energy sector as an aid to highlighting international co-operative research. In carrying out this assessment, the secretariat will take advantage of the analytical resources of other international bodies such as the IIASA. (b) They will convene, for this purpose, an ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Co-operation in Energy Technologies in Geneva in April 1975 which will also consider a project plan for developing an analytical framework for assisting governments in framing their energy R and D strategies. (c) In preparing for this ad hoc Meeting of Experts, information will be collected on current member-country energy R and D programmes. (d) Preparations will also be made, inter alia, by this ad hoc Meeting of Experts to formulate proposals to be put before the Senior Advisers at their fourth session for convening, at the invitation of the Bulgarian authorities, a Seminar on Technologies for the Utilization of Low-Calorie Fuels, to be held in Varna in April 1976. (e) At their fourth session, the Senior Advisers will also decide whether to convene the Meeting of Experts on Co-operation in Energy Technologies immediately before or after the Varna Seminar.

10.1.4. Technological trends in basic industrial materials and natural resources:  
Principal field of activity No. 4 (Priority A)

Description: (a) The Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology examine and review possibilities of, and measures for, close international co-operation in respect of technological trends in basic industrial materials and natural resources. (b) In 1975 the secretariat will analyse work being carried out internationally on technological trends in the use and recycling of basic resources and materials with a view to consideration being given by the Senior Advisers at their fourth session to measures to be taken by ECE Governments, individually or in co-operation, to promote the diffusion of more advanced technologies for using and recycling such basic resources and materials.

## 11. - SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments, approved by the Senior Economic Advisers at their twelfth session (ECE/EC.AD/10, paras. 62-63 and Annex I)

### 11.1. CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 11.1.1. Exchange of information and views on the preparation and implementation of medium-term and long-term plans, programmes and prospects (Priority A)

Description: (a) The annual exchange of information on medium-term and long-term plans, programmes and prospects for the ECE region, on the basis of country notes prepared by governments and on notes prepared by the secretariat, will continue. Special attention is to be given to (b) long-term economic and social problems of common interest to ECE Governments and to their interrelations and (c) to the opportunities of solving them offered by international co-operation pursuant to Commission resolution 2(XXVII).

#### 11.1.2. Overall Economic Perspective for the ECE region (Priority A)

Description: (a) Pursuant to resolution 2(XXVIII) the Senior Economic Advisers will prepare for the Commission an overall economic perspective for the ECE region. This is also intended to serve as a general orientation for studies of long-term economic trends and problems for projects dealing with long-term prospects which other Principal Subsidiary Bodies may wish to conduct in their respective fields. (b) An ad hoc meeting of experts will be held in August 1975 on this project.

#### 11.1.3. Study on long-term problems in the field of basic products and energy (Priority A)

Description: Pursuant to decision E(XXIX) on energy problems, the Senior Economic Advisers will continue their study of long-term problems in the field of basic products and energy.

#### 11.1.4. Studies on instruments and methods for the elaboration of national plans, programmes and projections (Priority A)

Description: (i) In April 1975 the Seminar on the Ecological Aspects of Economic Development Planning will be jointly sponsored with the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems. (ii) The annual exchange of bibliographical information on models for planning will continue.

### 11.2. Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 11.2.1. 1976 Seminar (Priority A)

Description: Preparations will be made for a seminar to be held in 1976 related to some aspects of the Overall Economic Perspective, including the study of factors influencing long-term international investment decisions. A secretariat consultation will be held in May 1975.

## 12. STATISTICS

Authority: Programme of work of the Conference of European Statisticians adopted by the Conference at its twenty-second session (ECE/CES/4, paragraphs 192-197, and Annex I).

### 12.1. CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 12.1.1. Economic statistics

##### 12.1.1.1. Systems of national accounts and balances and related subjects (Priority A)

Description: Application and review of implementation of the systems of national accounts and balances and further development of the systems; development of related systems of statistics of the distribution of income, consumption and accumulation and statistics of quantities and prices. During 1975/76, preparatory work will be carried out on the review of implementation, for a meeting to be held during the first half of 1976.

##### 12.1.1.2. Classifications in the field of economic statistics (Priority A)

Description: Participation in the periodic revision of classifications in the field of economic statistics, preparation of new classifications in areas in which they do not yet exist. During 1975/76, work will continue on (i) the development of an International Standard Classification of All Goods and Services: relevant parts of the classification will be submitted to specialized meetings in different areas of economic, social and demographic statistics; (ii) development of a conversion key between the SITC and the Standard Foreign Trade Classification of the COMEA: test of the draft key in terms of actual figures; completion of the key and, if necessary, a consultation to finalize the key.

##### 12.1.1.3. Subjects in specific areas of economic statistics (Priority A)

Description: Preparation and revision of international recommendations in specific areas of economic statistics in relation to the national accounts and balances. The following subjects were selected for consideration during 1975/76: (i) food consumption surveys (jointly with FAO and the ECE Committee on Agricultural Problems); (ii) statistics of chemicals (jointly with the ECE Chemical Industry Committee); (iii) public sector statistics; (iv) statistics of science and technology (jointly with the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology and UNESCO); (v) statistics of tourism; (vi) statistics of fixed capital formation, stocks and profits.

#### 12.1.2. Social and demographic statistics

##### 12.1.2.1. System of Social and Demographic Statistics (SSDS) and related subjects (Priority A)

Description: Participation in the work of the United Nations Statistical Commission on the elaboration of the framework, structure, accounts and common definitions of the SSDS; of the basic series and characteristic definitions and classifications of the various sub-systems and of the links among the different sub-systems and with the systems of national accounts and balances; participation in the development of international guidelines for social indicators. During 1975/76 work will continue, with the assistance of groups of national rapporteurs, on links and on the contents of



the sub-systems dealing with the active sequence; the relevant parts of draft guidelines for social indicators will be submitted to meetings in specialized areas of social and demographic statistics (health statistics; statistics of education;) and preparatory work will be undertaken for a meeting on the structure of the SSDS.

12.1.2.2. Classifications in the field of social and demographic statistics  
(Priority A)

Description: Participation in the periodic revision of classifications in the field of social and demographic statistics; preparation of new classifications in fields in which they do not exist. Work on this project is carried out in conjunction with work on the SSDS in general (see project 12.1.2.1. above).

12.1.2.3. Subjects in specific areas of social statistics (Priority A)

Description: Preparation and revision of international recommendations in specific areas of social statistics; development of the relevant sub-systems of the SSDS. The following subjects were selected for consideration during 1975/76: manpower statistics (jointly with ILO) and health statistics (jointly with WHO).

12.1.2.4. Subjects in specific areas of demographic statistics (Priority A)

Description: Preparation and revision of international recommendations in specific areas of demographic statistics; development of the demographic sub-system of the SSDS. The following subjects were selected for consideration during 1975/76: migration statistics; demographic sub-system; and fertility surveys (if required).

12.1.3. Statistics for environmental studies and policies (Priority A)

Description: Study of the statistical requirements for environmental studies and policies; participation in the work of the United Nations Statistical Commission in the development of a system of environmental statistics; elaboration of the concepts, definitions and classifications to be used for the study of particular environmental phenomena, and for the purposes of the system as a whole (jointly with the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems). During 1975/76 work will continue on (i) statistics for the study of the quality of the environment; and (ii) materials balances.

12.1.4. Other statistical subjects (Priority A)

Description: Work on other statistical subjects not included under the preceding headings. During 1975/76 work may be carried out on (i) regional statistics; and (ii) accuracy of statistics.

12.1.5. Organizational and operational subjects (Priority A)

Description: Use of computers for statistical purposes and other subjects in the field of operational techniques of producing statistics. The following subjects were selected for consideration during 1975/76: (i) EDP; (ii) integrated statistical information system.

12.1.6. Programming, policy-making and co-ordination of statistical activity  
(Priority A)

Description: Work on this project is carried out at the plenary sessions of the Conference of European Statisticians and at sessional meetings. The work on co-ordination of statistical activity covers the statistical work of the Economic Commission for Europe and other international organizations in Europe.

### 13. - STEEL

Authority: Programme of work of the Steel Committee, approved by the Committee at its forty-second session (ECE/STEEL/8, para. 29 and Annex I)

#### 13.1. CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

##### 13.1.1. Short-term trends and problems in the steel industry (Priority A)

Description: The Committee at its annual session discusses short-term trends and problems in the steel industry and the steel markets. The secretariat prepares, in the first half of each year, a provisional version of an annual market review, which examines major trends in production, consumption and trade in steel and in steel-making raw materials, and deals with trends in investment and prices; this review also includes a more detailed treatment of whatever key questions arise during the course of the year, as a basis for discussion in June by the Steel Committee's Working Party on the Steel Market. After consideration by the Working Party the review is published by the secretariat.

##### 13.1.2. Long-term prospects for the development of the steel industry (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will, in 1975/76 continue work on this project (see its study "Long-term Prospects for Steel Consumption, Production and Trade Until 1985 and Outlook for 1990", initiated in 1971/72 under project 13.2.1.).

##### 13.1.3. Technical co-operation and international contacts (Priority A)

Description: The Committee promotes, directly or indirectly, international co-operation on economic and technical problems relating to the steel industry through:  
(a) contacts among steel technical and scientific institutes and participation by experts in meetings held on specific technical problems; (b) arrangements for international visits by specialists interested in specific questions; and  
(c) co-operation with international professional and technical organizations concerned with the various aspects of the steel industry; (d) special attention paid to requirements of developing countries and provision made for experts from those countries to participate in appropriate activities.

##### 13.1.4. Study tours (Priority A)

Description: (a) The Committee organizes international study tours to examine problems of special interest on the basis of a long-term programme. (b) In 1975 a study tour to the United Kingdom will be organized during October.

##### 13.1.5. Statistics (Priority A)

Description: The Committee, through its Working Party on Steel Statistics:  
(a) advises the secretariat on the preparation and issue of a bulletin providing detailed yearly, quarterly and monthly steel statistics on a comparable basis for ECE countries and others, and on the preparation and issue of annual statistics of world trade in steel; (b) examines statistical and methodological questions relating to the development of the European steel industry; (c) assists the secretariat in

establishing the methodology for current statistics, such as the method of calculation of apparent steel consumption; and (d) promotes the collection of steel statistics, paying particular attention to the improvement of statistics on stocks and actual consumption of steel.

13.1.6. Co-operation with other United Nations Bodies (Priority B)

Description: The Committee also renders assistance to the other regional economic commissions, to UNIDO, and to UNCTAD, at their request, in the field of iron and steel, and contributes to the preparation and documentation for international conferences and symposia held from time to time by the United Nations in this field.

13.2. Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

13.2.1. Economic and technical aspects of iron and steel production, trade and consumption

Description: The Committee is undertaking the following studies under this heading: (a) Long-term prospects for steel consumption, production and trade until 1985 and outlook for 1990 (Priority A); Parts I and II will be revised and presented to this committee for its approval and then will be prepared in a final form for publication. Work will continue on Part III. (b) Changing pattern of energy use in the iron and steel industry (Priority A). The committee will continue work on this study with the intention of finalizing it before the end of 1975. (c) Structural changes in the iron and steel industry (Priority A). Work will continue on this study, initiated by the Committee in 1974.

13.2.2. Use of steel in motor-vehicle manufacture (Priority A)

Description: The seminar on this subject which was to be held in Paris in May 1974 will now take place in Geneva (Switzerland) in December 1974.

13.2.3. The use of pre-reduced material in electric arc furnaces (Priority A)

Description: (a) A seminar on this subject will be organized at the invitation of the Romanian Government during 1976 in Romania. (b) During 1975 the secretariat will convene a preparatory meeting.

#### 14. - TIMBER

Authority: Programme of work of the Timber Committee, approved by the Committee at its thirty-second session (ECE/TIM/5, paras. 75-76 and Annex II)

Note: The programme of work and priorities for 1974/75, set out below, covers the period between the Committee's thirty-second and thirty-third sessions. It also contains details of the short-term programmes of work of the Committee's two main continuing subsidiary bodies, the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Working Techniques and Training of Forest Workers and the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest and Forest Products Statistics.

Below are listed the projects to be undertaken in 1974/75. (The joint projects for which FAO and ILO are primarily responsible do not figure on this list).

##### 14.1. CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

###### 14.1.1. Forest products market reviews and allied questions (Priority A)

Description: (a) The Committee at its thirty-third session in 1975 will review the market in the ECE region for sawn softwood, hardwoods (including tropical), pulpwood, coniferous logs and wood-based panels (plywood, fibreboard and particle board). (b) The secretariat will prepare a review of the forest products market in the ECE region covering the period 1974 to March 1975. (c) The secretariat will prepare the bi-annual Timber Bulletin for Europe (to be published in May and October) containing quarterly statistics relating to production, trade and prices of the main forest products in Europe and North America. (d) The secretariat, jointly with FAO, will prepare the third study of timber trends and prospects in the ECE region, which will be considered by a joint session of the Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission. (e) A symposium will be held, jointly with the FAO European Forestry Commission on "Forests and wood: their role in the environment". The Committee will review at its thirty-third session developments in the (f) transport and handling and (g) standardization of forest products. (h) A special lecture on a problem of interest to the Committee will be delivered at its thirty-third session.

###### 14.1.2. Technical and economic aspects of the wood-working industries (Priority A)

Description: Many of the Committee's activities in this field are covered by the Provisional Group of Experts on the Wood-working Industries, whose sessions will be convened on the instructions of the Timber Committee. (a) The fifth session of the Provisional Group of Experts will start preparations for the seminar on the behaviour of wood products in fire and consider what follow-up action should be undertaken to the appreciation course on plywood and blockboard (London, 1972) and the seminar on the utilization of particle board and fibreboard in construction (Sopron, 1974). (b) Work will continue on revising and implementing the international standard for the stress-grading of coniferous sawnwood, according to the instructions given by the thirty-second session of the Committee. (c) Work will start on the preparation of an international standard for structural finger-jointed coniferous sawnwood. (d) A symposium will be held on the modernization of the sawmilling industry. (e) A seminar

will be held in Norway, jointly with the ECE Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, on industrial production and use of wood-based products in the building industry. (f) A study tour will be held in Austria.

#### 14.1.3. Increased efficiency in forest operations (Priority A)

Description: The activities of the Committee in this field are covered by the work of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Working Techniques and Training of Forest Workers, which aims at increasing efficiency in forest operations by improving the methods of work, by the mechanization of forest work and by better training of forest workers and the prevention of accidents. (a) The Joint Committee will hold its tenth session in France, preceded by a symposium on stand establishment (jointly with IUFRO). (b) The Study Group on Methods and Organization of Forest Work will hold its eighth session. (c) The Study Group on Vocational Training and Prevention of Accidents in Forest Work will hold its eleventh session. (d) A training seminar will be held on the use and operation of skidders. (e) A symposium will be held on multi-purpose logging machines.

#### 14.1.4. Forest and forest products statistics

Description: The activities of the Committee in this field are covered by the work of the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest and Forest Products Statistics which deals with various statistical problems at the ECE regional level, which are referred to it by the Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission, as well as the Conference of European Statisticians. (a) The Working Party will hold its tenth session, which will cover several substantive items and draw up a programme of work (Priority A). (b) An ad hoc meeting will discuss the collection and publication of cost and price statistics. (Priority B). Work will continue on projects approved by the Working Party at its ninth session, which include the following: (c) removal statistics (Priority A); (d) classification and definitions of forest products (Priority A); (e) conversion factors for forest products (Priority A); (f) forest inventory for the ECE region (Priority A).

## 15.- TRADE

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on the Development of Trade, approved by the Committee at its twenty-third session (ECE/TRADE/121, paras. 55-56 and Annex I)

### 15-1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 15.1.1 Analysis and review of recent trade trends, policies and problems (Priority A)

Description: (a) The Committee analyses and reviews European trade, including current and prospective developments relating to sub-regional economic groupings, progress made towards improving payments arrangements, and the effects of structural changes in economic sectors or branches as well as of technical progress on the composition and geographical pattern of intra-regional trade; (b) the Committee also analyses and reviews the development of inter-regional trade with special reference to the expansion of trade with the less-developed member countries of the ECE, taking into account co-operation with UNCTAD and the other regional economic commissions. (c) in 1975/1976 the Committee will: (i) continue to analyse and review developments in the fields described above on the basis of documentation prepared by the secretariat; (ii) maintain on the basis of relevant information notified to the secretariat by ECE Governments an up-to-date register of long-term agreements between countries having different economic and social systems in the field of trade, economic, industrial, scientific and technological co-operation.

#### 15.1.2 Preparation of practical proposals and recommendations for the removal of obstacles to the development of inter-ECE trade, and especially east-west trade and for action to promote the expansion and diversification of such trade (Priority A)

Description: (A) The Committee carries out studies and takes action in response, inter alia, to the request contained in Commission resolution 4(XXV), with a view to the preparation of mutually-acceptable recommendations and practical proposals for the removal of economic, administrative and trade-policy obstacles to the development of trade between the countries with different economic and social systems in the ECE region; (B) the Committee considers, inter alia, problems arising in respect of: (i) tariffs, (ii) quantitative restrictions and licensing practices, (iii) import priorities and bilateral balancing, (iv) administrative regulations affecting trade, (v) payments arrangements, (vi) the effects of integration policies of sub-regional groupings (vii) long-term bilateral agreements between governments and related promotional machinery, (viii) marketing and improved business contacts and representation, and (ix) exchange of information on both short-term and long-term trading and production opportunities. (C) For 1975/1976 the Committee decided to request the Executive Secretary: (a) to continue his preparations for and to convene a preparatory meeting in advance of the Second Informal Meeting of Trade Experts with the general theme: "New developments in east-west trade - problems and prospects". The Informal Meeting of Trade Experts will be convened by the Executive Secretary when the results of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe can be fully taken into account. The date for the preparatory meeting

should be set against this background and will be decided by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Permanent Missions in Geneva. The Informal Meeting is intended to offer a useful forum for the exchange of views and experience regarding practical means both of removing obstacles and of promoting the growth and diversification of east-west trade; (b) to revise the Inventory of Administrative Restrictions on East-West Trade by asking Governments to bring their previous answers up to date and by giving examples of different categories of obstacles therein taken from; (i) the case studies produced for the first and second Seminars on East-West Trade Promotion, Marketing and Business Contacts in 1972 and 1974; and (ii) the inquiry on practical difficulties in east-west trade conducted by the ICC Liaison Committee with the Chambers of Commerce of eastern European countries (TRADE/267: TRADE/SEM.MARKETING/18, and Add.1); (iii) other reports of ECE subsidiary bodies and the bodies reporting to them; (c) to review which categories of administrative barriers are already covered by the activities of different ECE bodies and to report to the Commission; (d) to convene an ad hoc Group of Experts on Administrative Restrictions from 20 to 24 October 1975: (i) to consider the revised Inventory of Administrative Restrictions with particular reference to whether any further work should be undertaken to complete it: (ii) to review, on the basis of the secretariat study, which categories of administrative barriers are already covered by the activities of different ECE bodies; and (iii) to consider whether and in which way a programme of action for the removal or reduction of the administrative restrictions identified could be undertaken.

15.1.3 Promotion of trade through multilateral and bilateral scientific, technological and industrial co-operation (Priority A)

Description: The Committee considers ways and means of promoting multilateral and bilateral action which would facilitate and expand trade through scientific, technological and industrial co-operation, with particular reference to promoting the expansion and diversification of trade in manufactures and the international transfer of technology throughout the ECE region. For 1975/1976 the Committee decided: (a) to request the Executive Secretary to complete his preparations for and to convene the second meeting of experts on industrial co-operation on the basis of the draft preliminary agenda for the meeting as amended at the twenty-third session, preferably at a date when the results of the relevant work of the CSCE were known, if possible before the twenty-fourth session of the Committee; (b) to continue to consider at its twenty-fourth session, taking into account the discussions and decisions at the third session of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology, what further measures could be taken for the promotion of scientific, technological and industrial co-operation.

15.1.4 Trade problems of less-developed member countries of the ECE (Priority A)

Description: (a) The Committee undertakes studies and considers action in respect of those trade problems that are specific to less-developed member countries of the ECE region and examines measures that might be taken to resolve these problems. (b) The secretariat makes regular analyses of these problems and publishes the results of its studies in the annual Economic Survey of Europe and the Economic Bulletin for Europe. (c) The secretariat, in co-operation with the secretariats of UNCTAD and ITC, also provides assistance, at the request of the Governments concerned, in the trade promotion efforts of these countries, including the formulation of requests for assistance from the UNDP, either on a national or regional basis. (d) For

1975/1976 the Committee decided to request the Executive Secretary in the light of the discussions of this subject at the twenty-third session of the Committee on the Development of Trade and of the results of his consultations with the ECE Governments receiving UNDP assistance to undertake a research study on the theme "Intra-European temporary migration of labour: its consequences for trade, investment and industrial co-operation (with particular reference to the less-developed member countries of the ECE region)".

15.1.5 Improvement of international trade procedures and international standardization affecting trade (Priority A) 1/

Description: The Committee prepares studies, guides, standard forms and recommendations designed to facilitate trade procedures and the international transfer of know-how. It reviews and plans the work of the Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures and of the Group of Experts on International Contract Practices in Industry. The Committee also takes into account activities in respect of governmental policies on standardization conducted directly under the auspices of the Commission. For 1975/1976 the Committee decided: (a) Facilitation of international trade procedures: to invite the Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures (i) to review the procedures required in international trade and transport with a view to their reduction, simplification and international harmonization; (ii) to collect and distribute information on trade formalities, procedures, documentation and related matters; (iii) to promote the development of a common approach to facilitation problems and a common methodology for their solution; (iv) to pursue the simplification and standardization of trade documents on the basis of the ECE layout key including documents designed for use in computer and other automatic systems and to call an ad hoc Meeting on the ECE Layout Key on 17-19 February 1975; (v) to promote the standardization of data contained in international trade documents, the development of a standard trade terminology and uniform codes of trade information for use in modern methods of data transmission and processing; (vi) to promote co-operation between international organizations that are in a position to influence the establishment of future ADP systems for transmitting data on international trade; (vii) to up-date the 1966 Guide on Simplification and Standardization of External Trade Documents and (viii) to request the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission the concern expressed by members of the Committee on the Development of Trade over the difficulties encountered through lack of co-ordination between international organizations and to undertake the inquiries set out in paragraph 26 of document TRADE/R.307. (b) International contract practices in

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1/ There is a direct link between the work on improvement of international trade procedures and international standardization affecting trade, on the one hand, and the activities of the Committee on Agricultural problems dealing with standardization of perishable produce (project O2.1.3) and with conditions of sale relating to agricultural products (project O2.2.9), on the other hand. The latter project is carried out by the Group of Experts on International Trade Practices relating to Agricultural Products which reports to the Committee on the Development of Trade as well as to the Committee on Agriculture.



industry - to invite the Group of Experts on International Contract Practices in Industry (i) to proceed with the preparation of a guide for drawing up contracts on industrial co-operation; and (ii) to consider the need for a revision of the General Conditions for the Supply and Erection of Plant and Machinery in the 188/574 series with a view to adapting them to present requirements of east-west trade in the light of a study which an interested Member Government has undertaken to produce and to (iii) take action for making the ECE General Conditions better known and more widely accepted. (c) Trade aspects of international standardization - (i) to consider the trade aspects of the activities of the Commission's other subsidiary bodies connected with the problems of international standardization; (ii) to consider administrative restrictions linked to standards on the basis of notifications by Governments in reply to a new inquiry to be undertaken by the Executive Secretary.

#### 15.1.6 Development of market information and marketing techniques (Priority A)

Description: The Committee considers ways and means of promoting improved marketing arrangements, closer business contacts and improved business representation, and a more intensive exchange of information on short-term and long-term trading and production opportunities. For 1975/1976 the Committee decided: (a) to consider at its twenty-fourth session, a report on the measures taken by the secretariat to make the material produced for the first two Seminars on East-West Trade Promotion, Marketing and Business Contacts better known and more easily available; (b) to prepare a third seminar on East-West Trade Promotion, Marketing and Business Contacts to be held 13-16 May 1975 on new marketing techniques in the field of licensing (including patents and trade marks) and leasing (including franchising and factoring). A preparatory meeting should be convened by the Executive Secretary on 23-24 January 1975; (c) to consider what further, practical measures could be taken to promote a systematic and fruitful exchange of information between ECE countries on marketing in east-west trade.

#### 15.1.7 Consideration of trade promotion activities and opportunities in specific sectors (Priority A)

Description: The Committee considers the activities pertaining to trade of the Commission's other Principal Subsidiary Bodies, as well as activities pertaining to trade which are carried out directly under the auspices of the Commission, with a view to exploring and encouraging trade promotion activities and opportunities in specific sectors. In 1975/1976 the Committee will continue to consider these matters.

### 15.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 15.2.1 Consultations of experts on intra-European, especially east-west, trade (Priority C)

Description: In conjunction with the twenty-fourth session of the Committee, an opportunity will be provided for consultations between experts of interested Governments in the form of bilateral or multilateral talks on specific possibilities for the expansion of their countries' trade.

## 16. - WATER PROBLEMS

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Water Problems, approved by the Committee at its sixth session (ECE/WATER/10, paras. 53-60 and Annex IV)

### 16.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 16.1.1 Review and analysis of existing situation and future prospects for water resource use and development (Priority A)

Description: At each plenary session the Committee is to exchange views on major trends and policies with regard to water resource use and development. At three to five-year intervals, Governments are to prepare country monographs on this subject along common lines and to submit statistical data on the use of water in the various sectors. These country monographs should also contain information on the progress made in applying the ECE Declaration of Policy on Water Pollution Control (Commission resolution 10 (XXI)) as well as on the implementation of the recommendations endorsed by the Committee, i.e. the recommendations concerning (i) the protection of ground and surface waters against pollution by oil and oil products (ii) river basin managements (iii) selected water problems and the compilation of balances of water resources and needs, (iv) the pollution of waters by agriculture and forestry, and (v) the use of computer techniques and automation for water resources systems. At its session in 1975 the Committee will: (a) consider a summary of monographs which Governments will have prepared; (b) analyse statistical data on the use of water in ECE countries;

#### 16.1.2 Review of relevant work done and planned in other bodies of the ECE, under United Nations programmes, and in other international organizations operating in the ECE region (Priority A)

Description: (a) Systematic reviews are made of relevant work done and planned in the field of water resources use and water pollution control in the ECE region, or conducted elsewhere, under other United Nations programmes, or in other international organizations on the basis of information submitted by the organizations concerned to the annual sessions of the Committee. (b) Close co-operation and, where appropriate, association with other international organizations, and in particular with other ECE subsidiary organs is maintained in activities undertaken by them on water aspects in particular user sectors, on the basis of annual reviews of relevant programmes and studies.

### 16.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 16.2.1 Activities related to selected problems in water pollution control (Priority A)

Description: The following projects will be undertaken or finalized: (a) Organization of a seminar on the Protection of Coastal Waters against Pollution from Land-Based Sources (1975); (b) Collection and consideration of information on existing national and international standards regarding the quality of receiving waters and effluents.

16.2.2 Activities related to selected problems of governmental policy related to the formulation and administration of water management plans (Priority A)

Description: Work will be carried out as follows: (a) Preparations for the organization of a seminar on long-term planning of water management to be held in 1976; (b) Translation of the CMEA glossary on water management; (c) Study tour to visit water management agencies and relevant installations; (d) Finalization of a report on rational methods of flood-control planning in river basin development; (e) Direct exchange of scientific and technical information between countries on any subject that would be of interest to the Committee on Water Problems; (f) Up-dating of a list of national institutions dealing with water policy, planning, management and research.

16.2.3 Studies on special aspects of water quality and quantity (Priority A)

Description: Work will be carried out on the preparation of the third session of the Group of Experts on Aspects of Water Quality and Quantity; this work will comprise the following projects: (a) Study of the protection of inland waters against accidental pollution by oil, oil products and other polluting substances; (b) Study of principles and methods of economic incentives including the fixing of fees and charges in water supply and waste water disposal systems; (c) Approaches and methods of elaboration of long-term plans, including long-term projections of water demands and of programmes of development of integrated water systems; (d) Collection of information regarding water pollution coefficients (for use inter alia in the United Nations study on "The Impact of Prospective Environmental Issues and Policies on the International Development Strategy"); (e) Review of the progress made by other international organizations (in particular WHO, WMO and ISO) in the standardization of methods and equipment for analysing the quality of waters and effluents for the purpose of identifying any omissions.

PART VI

LONG-TERM PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES FOR 1976-1980<sup>\*/</sup>

01. - GENERAL

01.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

01.1.1. Continuing review and analysis of European economic developments and problems (Priority A)

Description: Annual economic surveys, economic bulletins and special studies are to continue to be prepared as background information for the Commission and its subsidiary bodies. It is expected that the work of the Commission, its subsidiary bodies, and the secretariat on the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data will be further rationalized and streamlined along the lines suggested in Commission resolution 1 (XXII).

01.1.2. The study of long-term economic trends in the ECE region and the development of co-operation (Priority A)

Description: Pursuant to Commission resolutions 7 (XXII) and 2 (XXVIII) the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments and the other Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission will continue to pay special attention to the study and evaluation of long-term trends and policies in the economy of the ECE region.

01.1.3. Co-operation with less-developed countries (Priority B)

Description: In view of the importance attached by the Commission in operative paragraph 6 of the 1967 Declaration to the strengthening of economic relations with countries in other regions and to work on problems of the less-developed countries members of ECE pursuant to operative paragraph 1 of Commission resolution 8 (XXII) and operative paragraph 4 of Commission resolution 1 (XXVIII), it may be expected that the relevant work will be intensified in such fields as trade, research and economic analysis, agriculture, water resources, energy and industry in general. The secretariat and subsidiary bodies of the Commission are to devote special attention to requests which may be received from less-developed countries of the ECE region for assistance in studying problems on which the Governments of these countries require such assistance and which are within ECE's terms of reference. (See also projects 01.1.6., 02.2.3., 08.2.4., 15.1.4.).

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<sup>\*/</sup> Editorial note. The Executive Secretary has made certain adjustments in the final text of the Commission's long-term programme of work and priorities for 1976-1980 in the light of the relevant decisions of the Commission. This applies to the following projects: 01.1.7., 01.2.2., 01.2.4., 01.2.6.

01.1.4. Activities of the Commission in relation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Priority B)

Description: Co-operation with UNCTAD is to continue on problems of common interest with the aim of strengthening the United Nations programmes for economic development. (See also project 13.1.7.).

01.1.5. Activities in the field of industrial development with reference to General Assembly resolution 1940 (XVIII) (Priority B)

Description: Co-operation with UNIDO is to continue on problems of common interest with the aim of strengthening the United Nations programmes for industrial development.

01.1.6. Co-operation in United Nations development programmes (Priority C)

Description: Co-operation will be maintained between the ECE secretariat and the Office of Technical Co-operation as well as the United Nations Development Programme in the ECE region. The Commission will also continue its work pursuant to its resolution 4 (XVI).

01.1.7. Engineering industries (Priority B)

Description: The series of studies and statistical compilations on trends in production, demand and trade in engineering products as well as Seminars on technical and economic problems is to be continued on the basis of the decisions reached at ad hoc Meetings of Experts on Engineering Industries and taking into account the over-all priorities agreed upon by the Commission in operative paragraph 3 of its resolution 5 (XXIV) and in its decisions I (XXVIII), H (XXIX) and I (XXX).

01.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

01.2.1. Promotion of industrial co-operation (Priority A)

Description: The Commission is expected to consider this problem at its sessions in 1976-1980 having before it studies prepared by the secretariat and reports on the relevant action by its Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned, in particular by the Committee on the Development of Trade.

01.2.2. General energy problems in the ECE region (Priority A)

Description: In view of the changes occurring in the pattern of use and production of the different forms of energy in the ECE region (particularly the growing importance of nuclear energy) the need is expected to continue for special studies not only with respect to each energy source considered separately but also for the energy economy of the region as a whole. The secretariat will continue to prepare studies in this field and bring significant new developments in the energy sector to the attention of the Commission pursuant to its decisions F (XXVII), E (XXIX) and F (XXX).

### 01.2.3. Tourism (Priority A)

Description: Taking into account operative paragraph 5 of the 1967 Declaration and the reports presented to the twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions of the Commission, and in particular the conclusions arising from the Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry (to be held in the autumn 1975 in Yugoslavia), it is expected that the Commission will devote special attention to problems in this field, that the secretariat in its research work will continue its analyses of tourism developments, that the relevant Principal Subsidiary Bodies will examine related problems in their fields of competence which may be referred to them, and that co-operation with the international organizations concerned including the IUOTO (now WTO) and with the United Nations bodies concerned with tourism will be further developed pursuant to Commission decisions A (XXVIII) and I (XXIX).

### 01.2.4. Standardization (Priority B)

Description: In the light of the results of the Fourth Meeting of Governmental Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies to be convened in 1975, work will be intensified along the lines indicated in Commission resolution 3 (XXII) and its relevant decisions especially G (XXVIII), F (XXIX) and G (XXX) in co-operation with the international non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular the ISO and IEC.

### 01.2.5. Implementation of the Declaration on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament (Priority C)

Description: Provided the required information is made available by Governments, the secretariat may undertake at the request of the Commission studies on certain aspects of problems specified in General Assembly resolution 1931 (XVIII).

### 01.2.6. Automation (Priority B)

Description: Pursuant to Commission decisions J (XXV), H (XXVIII), G (XXIX) and H (XXX), the Working Party on Automation will continue to undertake studies on economic aspects of automation with particular emphasis on problems arising for management through the introduction of automation in predominantly labour-intensive industries.

## 02. - AGRICULTURE

Authority: Long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, as approved by the Committee on Agricultural Problems at its twenty-sixth session (ECE/AGRI/11, paragraphs 76-90 and Annex II).

### 02.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 02.1.1. Review of the current situation in agriculture and of trade in agricultural products (Priority A)

Description: It is expected that the Committee will continue to review the general agricultural situation in Europe (including trade and the market situation of the

major commodities), using as background material reports prepared by the secretariat and a secretariat summary of country statements. It is also expected that special in-depth discussions of production, consumption and trade of selected commodities will continue to be organized periodically.

#### 02.1.2. Examination of long-term developments in agriculture (Priority A)

Description: It is expected that the Committee will continue to review from time to time selected long-term development trends in agriculture, and for this purpose will request the secretariat to continue to prepare reports on output, expenses and incomes of agriculture, and similar studies.

#### 02.1.3. Measures to facilitate trade in agricultural products in Europe (Priority A)

Description: Continuation of the work on standardization is foreseen (including revisions of established standards), especially with respect to eggs, cut flowers, fresh, dry and dried, and quick frozen fruit and vegetables, fruit pulps and fruit juices, and packaging for fruit and vegetables. Work on international trade practices relating to agricultural products (project 02.2.4) is also expected to continue. The Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce will meet once a year, and Groups of Experts and ad hoc meetings will be convened as necessary.

#### 02.1.4. Exchange of technical information and experiences (Priority A)

Description: (a) Mechanization of agriculture: The Group of Experts on Mechanization of Agriculture, in the context of their annual meetings, are expected to continue their work on more general problems of mechanization (such as the review of recent developments and changes, the methodology of forecasting, environmental aspects, terminology, and, pending the decision to be taken during 1975, possibly the energy problem, all of these subjects to be dealt with from the specific viewpoint of agricultural mechanization) and on specific technical subjects which are of interest to ECE Governments. The work programme will be reviewed, when the joint sponsorship of this body by ECE and FAO comes into effect. (b) Farm rationalization: In 1976 the work on farm rationalization will be concentrated on ad hoc project 02.2.1 (a) (the symposium on forms of horizontal and vertical integration). The Group of Experts on Farm Rationalization has proposed an eleventh session for 1976 to discuss part-time farming and the integrated approach to regional development with reference to agriculture. Depending on the time when the merger between the Group and the FAO Working Party on Agrarian Structure becomes effective, this proposal and the future programme of work of the joint body will be reviewed in 1975 or 1976. (c) Distribution through the secretariat of lists of agricultural films, technical reports and publications, bibliographies and similar material supplied by countries and international organizations participating in the work of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies. (d) The Committee is also expected to continue to organize the exchange of information on various technical and economic problems relating to agriculture by making use of rapporteurs, questionnaires, symposia (organized jointly with FAO), study tours, etc., which may give rise to new ad hoc projects, in addition to those listed below.

#### 02.1.5. Agricultural statistics (Priority A)

Description: Continuation of work on methodological aspects of agricultural statistics in Europe by the Study Group on Food and Agricultural Statistics, sponsored by the Committee on Agricultural Problems, FAO and the Conference of European Statisticians. The following major subjects are expected to be studied: food consumption surveys; economic accounts for agriculture; production and utilization statistics for selected products; employment statistics in agriculture; trilingual glossary of terms used in agricultural statistics; farm book-keeping data (methodology and possible harmonization with other agricultural statistics).

#### 02.1.6. Environmental problems related to agriculture (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will continue to receive periodically relevant information on the activities of ECE, FAO, ILO and other international organizations in the field of environment; environmental aspects of farm mechanization will continue to appear in the work programme of the Group of Experts on Mechanization of Agriculture, and other environmental problems might be taken up in future ad hoc projects (see the technical symposia and reports under ad hoc projects 02.2.1. and 02.2.2.).

### 02.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 02.2.1. Symposia (Priority A)

Description:

(a) Forms of horizontal and vertical integration in agriculture: This symposium, scheduled to be held in Hungary in May 1976, is to be organized jointly by the Committee and FAO through the appropriate subsidiary bodies (i.e. the ECE Group of Experts on Farm Rationalization and the FAO Working Party on Agrarian Structure or the body resulting from their merger). The symposium is to deal with the existing forms, definitions, legal aspects of, and the interrelationship between vertical and horizontal integration, possible economic effects at the micro-level, the implication of vertical integration at the macro-level, and the social problems of the integration process.

(b) Recent developments in the utilization of new sources of protein, essential amino acids and non-protein nitrogens with special reference to ruminants: This symposium is to be organized jointly with FAO for 1976/77. The programme is to include also the economic and technological aspects of the production and use of high-protein crops (including soybeans).

(c) Symposium on the effects of pollution on vegetation (crops and forests): This symposium is to be organized in late 1976 or early 1977 jointly by the Committee and the Timber Committee of ECE, in close co-operation with FAO, and with the support and assistance of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

(d) Symposia on problems relating to the use of chemical or biological innovations: Two symposia on as yet unspecified subjects to be held in 1978 and 1980.



02.2.2. Technical reports (Priority B)

Description: The Committee is expected to continue the practice of selecting reports on economic and technical subjects which will be prepared by national rapporteurs. In the years starting with 1976 revised versions of the draft reports circulated in 1975 (i.e. characteristics of sugar beet varieties; short-stemmed varieties of barley, rye and other grain crops; biological measures of plant protection) will be issued as necessary, and the draft reports on economic and technological aspects of pork production and of the dehydration of green forage will be distributed. Further subjects will be added as decided by the Committee.

02.2.3. Problems of special interest to less developed countries of the ECE region  
(Priority A)

Description: (a) Study on the tobacco market: A secretariat draft is to be submitted for discussion to an ad hoc meeting during 1976. (b) The market outlook for high-value agricultural products such as flowers: Secretariat work is to start in the second half of 1976 with the preparation of a questionnaire for collecting statistical and other information.

02.2.4. International Agricultural Trade Practices (Priority A)

Description: Under the auspices of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and its Group of Experts on International Trade Practices Relating to Agricultural Products work will continue aimed at the harmonization and updating of existing ECE general conditions of sale for agricultural products.

02.2.5. Study tours and field trips (Priority A)

Description: It is expected that interested Governments will continue to organize study tours or field trips on problems related to the Committee's programme of work. In 1976 a study tour on mechanization of agriculture will be organized in the Netherlands.

03. - CHEMICALS

Authority: Long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, as approved by the Chemical Industry Committee at its seventh session (ECE/CHEM/7, paragraphs 31-45 and Annex II).

03.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

03.1.1. Periodic surveys of the chemical industry (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will continue to study key developments in the chemical industry in the Annual Reviews and the five-year study Market Trends and Prospects prepared by the secretariat utilizing information provided by Governments.

### 03.1.2. Statistics (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will continue to promote the collection of statistics on a comparable basis regarding the chemical industry, its raw material sources and its markets, and publish an Annual Bulletin on chemical trade.

### 03.1.3. Other continuing projects (Priority B)

Description: The Committee will continue to render assistance to other United Nations bodies at their request, in the field of the chemical industry, and to contribute to the preparation and documentation of international conferences and symposia, held by the United Nations in this field.

## 03.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

A number of studies and projects included in the short-term programme of work for 1975/1976 under this item, will still be under preparation during the period covered by the present long-term programme.

### 03.2.1. Economic and technological developments in the chemical industry

Description: A Symposium on Co-operation in chemical investment, production and trade has been tentatively scheduled to be held in Hungary in 1976 (Priority A) and a Seminar on Ways of Carrying out Investments in the Chemical Industry (Priority A) has been tentatively scheduled to be held in France. The Committee will also study specific aspects of economic and technological developments in the chemical industry such as: (a) minimal and optimal capacities of units of production and problems arising from the growing size of units of production for a number of principal chemical products (Priority A); (b) factors determining the establishment of chemical industries (Priority B); (c) systems of Programming and Long-term Planning for Chemical Industry Development (to be treated in a seminar) (Priority A); (d) ways, means and effects of international division of labour in the field of the chemical industry (to be treated in a seminar) (Priority A); (e) aspects of production of in situ melted sulphur, chlorine-free potassium fertilizers and modified chemical fibres (Priority C); and (f) enlargement of resources for synthetic plastics feedstocks (Priority C).

### 03.2.2. Utilization of chemical products (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will study questions related to the extension of areas of utilization of chemical products such as the development of industries which are major consumers of chemical products, the replacement of natural products by synthetics and recycling in the chemical industry.

### 03.2.3. Raw materials for the chemical industry (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will continue to study problems related to the availability of raw materials for the chemical industry. The following topic may be treated in a seminar: Trends in the Search for New Coal-Based Raw Materials. During 1977-1978 a Seminar on the use of wastes from high polymer products, especially plastics and synthetic fibres, as secondary raw materials is scheduled to be held in the German Democratic Republic under the auspices of the Committee (Priority A).

#### 03.2.4. Environmental problems (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will continue to examine environmental problems related to the chemical industry particularly in respect of air and water pollution and the use of water resources.

### 04. - COAL

Authority: Long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, as approved by the Coal Committee at its seventieth session (ECE/COAL/8, paragraphs 58-59 and Annex II).

#### 04.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The continuing projects and activities in the work programme for 1975/76, listed under 04.1, are identical with those in the work programme for 1976-1980. As continuing projects they appear, by definition, in the long-term as well as the short-term list.

#### 04.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

##### 04.2.1. Coal trade problems

Description: The Working Party on Coal Trade will study the following problems: (a) effect of long-term energy policies on demand for coking coal by sectors other than the iron and steel industry (Priority B); (b) long-term coking coal demand (Priority B); (c) prospective developments of production capacities of coking coal mines and coke oven plants (Priority B); (d) the world coking coal market, trade flows, trade volume and main determining factors (Priority B); (e) indigenous versus imported coking coal - the impact of costs, prices, fluctuations of exchange rates, quality and security aspects of the prospects of presently more expensive indigenous coking coal production (Priority B); (f) expected developments in the costs of metallurgical coke (Priority B); (g) location and integration of new coking operations (Priority B); (h) factors supporting or opposing a balanced growth of demand for and supply of coking coal and coke in the world, in the long run (Priority B); (i) means of coping with business cycles and their impact on the supply of coking coal (Priority B); (j) role of coal in the energy market (Priority A).

##### 04.2.2. Statistical problems

Description: The Group of Experts on Coal Statistics will study the following problems: (a) application of statistical methods to the selection of methods of working and of seams to be worked in order to optimize planned profitability (Priority A); (b) comparative analysis of national systems of accounting labour consumption in the coal industry (Priority A); (c) statistical methods applied to coal preparation and coal blending for market purposes (Priority B); (d) use of computers for solving statistical problems of the European coal industries (Priority B); (e) statistical methods for determining and forecasting efficiently fuel utilization in the main consumer sectors (Priority B); (f) preparation of consumption statistics broken down by sector, including statistics on the processing of coal into secondary energy sources (Priority B).

#### 04.2.3. Mining problems

Description: The Group of Experts on Productivity and Management Problems in the Coal Industry will study the following problems: (a) mechanization and automation of road-driving in rock and coal (Priority A); (b) transport systems in open-cast mines (Priority A); (c) qualifications required at present or to be required in the future for mine-workers and coal-industry scientific and technical executive personnel; possibilities and methods of encouraging executive personnel to work in the coal industry (Priority B); (d) concentration underground and at the pithead (Priority B); (e) mechanization and automation of face work (Priority A); (f) methods of working coal seams of medium thickness (about 1-2 m) (Priority B); (g) methods of working thick coal seams (more than about 2 m) (Priority B); (h) choice of methods of working coal seams according to natural, technical and economic conditions (Priority B); (i) organization, methods and criteria for the optimization of work combining coal production and use (Priority B); (j) dust control techniques in underground working with special reference to permissible levels of concentration (Priority B); (k) recent developments in the support of face ends and at the junctions between face and access roadways (Priority B); (l) the utilization in respect of time of equipment, mining systems and manpower in underground mining operations (Priority A); (m) methods and techniques of computerized planning, with particular reference to methods of forecasting production cost and coal prices, and selection of criteria and methods applicable in long- and short-term optimization (Priority C); (n) structure of management in the coal industry, its development and efficiency (Priority C).

#### 04.2.4. Utilization and preparation of solid fuels

Description: The Group of Experts on the Utilization and Preparation of Solid Fuels will study the following problems: (a) automation of coking plants, and use of computers, not only in the design stage, but also for the optimization and control of processes (Priority A); (b) technical experience and environmental and economic effects of the introduction of dry cooling of coke (Priority B); (c) utilization of coal for the long-distance heating of towns and cities (Priority C); (d) mechanization and automation of coal-preparation plants (Priority C); (e) preparation of coal intended for the domestic sector (Priority C); (f) preparation of brown coals according to their various applications (Priority C); (g) utilization of waste obtained in the production and consumption of coal (Priority C).

### 05. - ENVIRONMENT

Authority: Report of the third session of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems, (ECE/ENV/10, paragraph 74 and Annex II).

At their second session, the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems agreed to include the Draft Proposals for Drawing up a Long-term Programme of Work in their Report on that session. These draft proposals - which consist of criteria and broad subject areas for the formulation of the long-term programme of work - were elaborated by the ad hoc Meeting on the Development of a Long-term Programme of Work (ENV/AC.1/2, Annex II). At their third session, the Senior Advisers agreed to include the unchanged long-term programme of work in their Report, as follows:

CRITERIA

- (i) Relevance to the Terms of Reference;
- (ii) Breadth of concern among ECE member countries;
- (iii) Urgency and the extent to which the project meets the needs of ECE member countries;
- (iv) Likelihood of the project leading to practical results;
- (v) Relevance to ongoing and planned activities of ECE and other international organizations;
- (vi) Extent to which a multi-disciplinary approach is required.

BROAD SUBJECT AREAS

- (i) Exchange of information and views on environmental policies and strategies applied in ECE countries and on progress made in solving environmental problems;
- (ii) Co-operation within the ECE on environmental problems and co-operation with other international organizations;
- (iii) Review of activities of the Working Party on Air Pollution Problems;
- (iv) Methods of environmental analysis;
- (v) Relationships between technology and environment;
- (vi) Environmental protection and improvement on the basis of long-term planning, with particular emphasis on land use and ecological considerations;
- (vii) Transboundary environmental problems;
- (viii) Consideration of environmental quality objectives and of the harmonization of standards.

06. - ELECTRIC POWER

Authority: Long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, as approved by the Committee on Electric Power at its thirty-third session (ECE/EP/11, paragraphs 67-68 and Annex II).

## 06.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

### 06.1.1. Analysis of the electric power situation in Europe and its prospects (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will continue at its annual sessions the study of the electric power situation in Europe during the previous year and its prospects, on the basis of documentation and studies to be prepared by the secretariat using information supplied by the ECE countries. Every three years this study is extended to cover a triennial period.

### 06.1.2. Planning and operation of large power systems (Priority A)

Description: The Group of Experts on Problems of Planning and Operating Large Power Systems will consider the economic and technical questions raised by the design and operation of large power systems, interconnexion of the electric power transmission systems of European countries and the development of international exchanges of electricity, and the short-term and long-term planning of electric power systems.

### 06.1.3. Electric power stations

Description: (a) The Group of Experts on Electric Power Stations will examine the economic and technical problems of designing, building and operating thermal and nuclear power stations and hydro-electric schemes (Priority A); (b) The Group of Experts will continue at its annual sessions consideration of the production and use of ash during the previous year, on the basis of documentation to be prepared by the secretariat using information supplied by the ECE countries (Priority B).

### 06.1.4. Relationship between electricity and the environment (Priority A)

Description: (a) The Group of Experts on the Relationship between Electricity and the Environment will consider the technical and economic aspects of that relationship from the following three points of view: the contribution of the development of electric power to the improvement of the environment; environmental problems related to the production, transmission and distribution of electric power, and means of solving them; influence of the environment on the electric power industry's installations. (b) The Group will review at each session the activities of international organizations pertaining to the relationship between electricity and the environment.

### 06.1.5. Distribution of electric power and rural electrification (Priority B)

Description: (a) The Group of Experts on Distribution and Rural Electrification will consider questions raised by the distribution of electric power, excluding underground urban networks and transformer stations between transmission networks and distribution networks, and the economic problems presented by rural electrification. (b) The Group of Experts will undertake every three years the regular triennial study of the state of rural electrification in Europe, on the basis of documentation to be prepared by the secretariat using information supplied by the ECE countries.

#### 06.1.6. Legal or administrative problems (Priority B)

Description: The Committee might consider, at its annual sessions, the following questions: (a) legal or administrative difficulties which tend to hamper transfers of electric power across frontiers; drafting of recommendations to the Governments concerned; the secretariat has been asked to place its services at the disposal of Governments, at their request, in order to facilitate negotiations between them concerning the interconnexion of their networks or for the purpose of making more detailed studies of the problems arising in connexion with such negotiations; (b) legal or administrative difficulties which tend to hamper the hydro-electric development of contiguous or successive waterways; drafting of recommendations to the Governments concerned; the secretariat has been asked to place its services at the disposal of Governments, at their request, in order to assist them in negotiating agreements on the development of such waterways.

#### 06.1.7. Statistical problems (Priority C)

Description: The Committee might review, at its annual sessions, the form of presentation of the periodical bulletins of electric energy statistics and the definitions employed.

### 06.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 06.2.1. Planning and operation of large power systems

Description: The Group of Experts on Problems of Planning and Operating Large Power Systems is expected to complete its current studies and to undertake new studies on the following subjects: (a) long-term prospects of the electric power industry in Europe (Priority A); (b) interconnexion of the electric power transmission systems of the countries of the ECE region (Priority A); (c) economic problems involved in the integration of nuclear power stations in electric power systems (Priority A); (d) economic problems involved in the integration of large-capacity power stations and units in electric power systems (Priority A); (e) analytical study of the choice of optimum structures and future nominal voltages exceeding 400 kV for electric power systems (Priority A); (f) problems presented by pumped-storage power stations as important elements in electric power systems (Priority A); (g) methods and criteria applicable to the design and planning of large power systems (Priority A); (h) harmonization of existing laws relating to international electricity exchanges (Priority B); (i) long-distance transmission of large quantities of electricity (Priority B); (j) solutions envisaged for the electricity supply of large urban and industrial complexes (Priority C); (k) creation of load during periods of low demand (Priority C).

#### 06.2.2. Electric power stations

Description: The Group of Experts on Electric Power Stations is expected to complete its current studies and to undertake new studies on the following subjects:

A. Thermal power stations

(a) Combined production of heat and electricity for large industrial and urban complexes (Priority A); (b) The role of gas-turbine power stations in covering the variable part of the load curve (Priority A); (c) Automation of the operation of thermal power stations (consideration of ways and means of evaluating the economic efficiency resulting from the introduction of automation in thermal power stations) (Priority B); (d) Reduction of sulphur dioxide emissions from the boilers of large thermal power stations (Priority B); (e) Problems involved in the use of ash (Priority B); (f) Methods recommended for improving the availability of large thermal-power-station blocks (Priority B).

B. Nuclear power stations (Priority A)

(a) Experience of operation of nuclear power stations and conventional thermal power stations (in co-operation with IAEA); (b) Use of nuclear power stations for the combined production of thermal and electric power.

C. Hydro-electric schemes

(a) Problems presented by pumped-storage power stations as important elements in electric power systems (Priority A); (b) Methods of evaluating the economic efficiency of conventional hydro-electric power stations and pumped-storage hydro-electric power stations used to cover the variable part of the load curve, with a view to optimizing their operation (Priority B); (c) Trends in planning the use, for power production purposes, of existing and new multi-purpose hydro-electric schemes, and methods used and instructions adopted for improving their operation (Priority B); (d) Methodological principles for optimizing the date of entry into service of pumped-storage power stations in a developing mixed electric-power system (Priority B); (e) Evaluation of the hydro-electric potential in Europe (Priority B); (f) Possibilities of increasing the utilization of the hydro-electric potential in existing or future storage installations (Priority C); (g) Means of making the best use of the irregularity of stream flow with a view to increasing the over-all effectiveness of hydro-electric plants (Priority C).

D. Other problems (Priority B)

(a) Use of dry cooling towers in conventional thermal power stations and nuclear power stations; (b) Research on the use of heat emitted by steam thermal power stations (a symposium might be held on this subject).

06.2.3. Relationship between electricity and the environment

Description: The Group of Experts on the Relationship between Electricity and the Environment is expected to complete its current studies and to undertake new studies on the following subjects: (a) scientific research in the field of the relationship between electricity and the environment (Priority A); (b) effects of heat discharge and regulations in force in the various countries (Priority A); (c) influence of water pollution on thermal power station cooling systems (Priority A); (d) methods of measuring pollution, and international standards; preparation of recommendations in this field (Priority A); (e) use of waste heat from conventional and nuclear thermal



power stations (Priority A); (f) environmental aspects of cooling systems in thermal power stations (Priority B); (g) economic and ecological comparisons between the various sources of energy (electricity, gas, district heating, etc.) used for urban and industrial heating and for technological purposes (Priority B); (h) relationship between emissions and immissions of various pollutants resulting from the operation of electric power stations (Priority B); (i) impact on the electric power industry of the introduction for environmental reasons of electrically-driven vehicles (Priority C).

#### 06.2.4. Distribution of electric power and rural electrification

Description: The Group of Experts on Distribution and Rural Electrification is expected to complete its current studies and to undertake new studies on the following subjects: (a) comparative analysis of methods used in forecasting the demand for supply capacity and for electric power in rural areas (Priority A); (b) distribution by underground cable networks in rural and suburban areas (Priority A); (c) study of the effect of the increased load on the structure of electric energy distribution networks (Priority A); (d) influence of the development of electric heating in rural dwellings, especially farms, on electricity consumption and on the load of rural networks (Priority B); (e) level of reliability of supply through rural networks and its influence on the cost of modernizing and strengthening such networks (Priority B); (f) new trends in the development of electric power consumption for agricultural production and rural households, including tariff questions (Priority B); (g) the most important electrically-operated installations and appliances for thermal processes on farms (Priority B); (h) use of electric energy in agricultural production technology (Priority B); (i) integration of electric energy distribution lines into the natural environment (Priority C).

#### 06.2.5. Other problems (Priority A)

Description: The Committee is expected to complete its current studies and to undertake new studies on the following subjects: (a) rational use of electric power; (b) problems raised by international standardization in the field of electric power; (c) present methods of peak-load coverage.

### 07. - GAS

Authority: Long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, as approved by the Committee on Gas at its twenty-first session (ECE/GAS/16, paragraphs 49-56 and Annex II).

#### 07.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The continuing projects and activities in the work programme for 1975/76, listed under 07.1, are identical with those in the work programme for 1976-1980. As continuing projects they appear, by definition, in the long-term as well as in the short-term list.

## 07.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

### 07.2.1. Problems in the use and distribution of gas

Description: The Group of Experts on the Use and Distribution of Gas is expected to complete studies under way and initiate work on the following studies: (a) finishing processes in iron and steel making (oxygen-assisted melting decarbonization and refining without smoke emission, etc.) (Priority B); (b) the use of gas in certain heating operations serving a very wide range of purposes, such as steam generation in high-capacity boilers and heat treatment in the metallurgical and mechanical industries (Priority C); (c) economic and technical problems relating to the application of remote-control methods to gas distribution systems (Priority B); (d) various uses of liquefied petroleum gases (Priority B); (e) gas utilization plans which result from bringing a major gas field into production or opening a high capacity gas pipeline (Priority A); (f) problems raised by the conversion to natural gas (of various types) of distribution systems originally designed for town gas (Priority B); (g) software available in the field of mathematical models and calculation techniques for distribution systems (Priority A); (h) the use of NG for direct reduction of iron ore (Priority B);

### 07.2.2. Problems of transport and storage of gas

Description: The Group of Experts on the Transport and Storage of Gas is expected to complete studies under way and initiate work on the following studies: (a) the economic aspects of non-metallic and aluminium pipes used for the transport of gas (Priority B); (b) economic aspects of the code of pipelines material (Priority B); (c) revision of the map of the European gas transmission network (Priority C); (d) basic principles of managing international gas pipelines (dispatching) (Priority A); (e) the economics of long-distance transmission of gas by pipeline (Priority A); (f) survey of the economics of liquefied natural gas (LNG) (Priority A); (g) research on transport of cooled gas (-50 to -75°C.) (Priority A).

### 07.2.3. Statistical problems

Description: The Group of Experts on Gas Statistics is expected to complete studies under way and initiate work on the following subjects: (a) influence of climatological conditions on gas demand, especially with reference to heating loads in dwellings (Priority B); (b) elaboration of flow diagrams (Priority B).

### 07.2.4. Problems of evaluation and exploitation of natural gas reserves

Description: It is expected that the studies under way will be completed and work initiated on the following: (a) relationship between a gas reservoir optimization (through technical and economic criteria) and gas reserves (Priority B); (b) collection and publication, every three or four years, of statistical data on the recovery factor (Priority B). When necessary the progress in this work will be reviewed at ad hoc meetings.

#### 07.2.5. Other problems

Description: The Committee is expected to consider the initiation of the following studies and the need for relevant ad hoc meetings: (a) problems of forecasting gas demand, particularly "the forecasting of gas demand and its role in gas-supply planning" (Priority B); (b) legal aspects of international gas transport (Priority C); (c) telemetering devices and the economic criteria for their use in the gas industry (Priority C); (d) development of standardization in the gas industry (Priority C); (e) application of information techniques to gas and gas industry operations (Priority C); (f) investments in the gas industry and their financing requirements (Priority A).

### 08. - HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING

Authority: Long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, as approved by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at its thirty-fifth session (ECE/HBP/11, paragraphs 83-86 and Annex II).

#### 08.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

##### 08.1.1. Exchange of views on current trends and policies in the field of housing, building and planning (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will, at each plenary session, exchange views on current housing, building and planning trends and policies, including environmental aspects. Every second year, the discussion will be based on comprehensive country monographs prepared along common lines and circulated in advance of the session. In intermediate years, notes will be circulated, bringing the monographs up to date. The Committee will also discuss in depth, at each plenary session, a selected subject of topical interest to member Governments.

##### 08.1.2. Housing, building and planning statistics (Priority A)

Description: The Committee, in conjunction with the Conference of European Statisticians, will analyse national practice in the 1970 censuses and prepare draft recommendations for the 1980 censuses.

##### 08.1.3. Technical co-operation and contacts (Priority A)

Description: In order to observe trends and achievements on the spot, the Committee will promote comprehensive study tours to member countries, organized in connexion with its annual sessions. In 1976 a study tour will be organized in the USSR. The Committee will also maintain close co-operation with international technical and professional organizations working in related fields of competence.

##### 08.1.4. Problems in the field of environment (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will carry out studies and organize ad hoc meetings on selected environmental problems in the field of housing, building and planning (see also projects 08.1.1., 08.2.1., 08.2.2., 08.2.3., 08.2.6., 08.2.7. and 08.2.8.).

## 08.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

### 08.2.1. Socio-economic aspects of housing

Description: (a) The Working Party will continue methodological work on assessing housing needs (Priority A); (b) a seminar on housing for special groups of the population will be held in the Netherlands in July 1976 (Priority A); (c) major trends in housing policies in ECE countries will be studied; preparations for a seminar on this subject to be held in mid-1977 in Finland, will be initiated (Priority A); (d) a study on the relationship between housing and the national economy will be undertaken (Priority A); (e) work will continue in the field of programming of housing (Priority A); (f) a study on new developments and trends in financing of housing will be started (Priority A). Work on the following projects may be carried out: (g) rent policy; home ownership and family budgets (Priority B); (h) enquiries related to housing: methods and experiences (Priority B); (i) environmental aspects of housing policy (Priority B); (j) residential land development costs: effects and methods of financing (Priority C); (k) compendium of housing research institutions and of research recently undertaken or in progress (Priority C); (l) management of social housing: economic and social aspects (Priority C); (m) economic and social aspects of the qualitative improvement of housing (Priority C); (n) relationships between housing policy and town and country planning with particular reference to the mobility of households (Priority C); (o) programming of housing: training aspects (Priority C); (p) future development of dwellings (Priority C). The Working Party at each session will conduct an exchange of views on current trends and policies in the field of housing and organize an in-depth discussion on a topical subject.

### 08.2.2. Building materials and construction

Description: The Fifth ECE Seminar on the Building Industry will be held in Budapest in Autumn 1976 on the theme "The building industry and the environment" (Priority A). Operational and co-ordinating activities relating to the harmonization of the technical content of building regulations will be continued (Priority A). The Working Party on the Building Industry will continue to promote international standardization in the building field (Priority A). A seminar on mechanization in transport, handling and assembling of building components will be organized in 1977 in a country to be designated (Priority A). Work will be completed on projects dealing with: (a) policies relating to research and development in the building industry; (b) energy conservation problems related to construction activities; and (c) methodology for international comparisons in the construction field (Priority A).

### 08.2.3. Regional and urban planning and development

Description: A Group of Experts under the Working Party on Regional and Urban Planning and Development will continue to promote international collaboration in the field of urban and regional research by, for example, joint research projects, nationally sponsored colloquia, exchange of research information and of research workers (Priority A). The Third Conference on Urban and Regional Research will be organized in 1976 in Poland (Priority A). A seminar on impact of transport on settlement planning will be held in the United States (June 1976) (Priority A). Studies will be finalized on: (a) selected aspects of the quality of life in urban settlements and (b) urban and regional research policy and organization.

08.2.4. Housing, building and planning problems and policies in the countries of Southern Europe

Description: A Group of Experts will continue its studies of problems and policies of particular concern to the countries of Southern Europe. The meetings of the Group will be held in one of the participating countries to make it easier for the experts to study problems in their national setting and to discuss policies with representatives of the competent public authorities in the country visited.

08.2.5. Management, maintenance and modernization of buildings (Priority A)

Description: Ad hoc meetings to discuss problems and policies in this field will be organized according to necessity.

08.2.6. Contribution to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements  
(Priority A)

Description: The Committee and its secretariat will assist, as appropriate, in the preparatory work for this Conference which is scheduled to be convened in late spring 1976 in Vancouver (Canada).

08.2.7. Energy problems in the field of housing, building and planning (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will finalize studies on energy problems in the field of housing, building and planning with special emphasis on energy conservation policies and environmental considerations. A seminar may be organized on the subject.

09. - INLAND TRANSPORT

Authority: Long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, as approved by the Inland Transport Committee at its thirty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/11, paragraphs 143-148 and Annex 3).

09.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

09.1.1. General questions

Description: Transport policies: Exchange of information and examination of the problems facing Governments in the development of their transport policies for the purpose of defining new areas for practical international co-operation and agreement (Priority A). Economic questions (a) Urban and suburban transport: review of economic and technical aspects (Priority A); (b) the transport situation; periodic review of trends in that situation (Priority A); (c) exchange of information on studies to delimit the sphere of efficient utilization of the various modes of transport (Priority A); and (d) fiscal matters: exchange of information on taxes levied on transport and transport equipment (Priority B). Other questions: Terminology and definitions: additions to be made to the "Glossary of terms generally employed in statistics, tariffs, economic surveys and Customs operations relating to inland transport" (Priority C).

#### 09.1.2. Statistics

Description: Economic questions: (a) collection and circulation of transport statistics and statistics on road traffic accidents and, as appropriate, consideration of improved methods of collection and circulation (Priority A); (b) improvement and unification of statistics regularly collected concerning the carriage of passengers and goods, port traffic, road traffic and road traffic accidents (including related questions such as definitions, classification of goods, and the like) (Priority B); (c) preparation of questionnaires for statistics on transport, road traffic and road traffic accidents, and periodical review of their effectiveness (Priority B); (d) study of sample survey methods applied to transport and to road traffic, and of methods of collecting complete data on road transport (Priority B); (e) review of statistical work underway in international organizations, on transport, road traffic and road traffic accidents (Priority B); and (f) taking of road traffic censuses at five-year intervals (Priority B).

#### 09.1.3. Customs questions

Description: (a) The uniform implementation and application, amendment or revision of the relevant Conventions and Recommendations concluded under the auspices of the Committee (Priority A); (b) preparation of new Customs conventions or recommendations as appropriate in the field of international transport (Priority A); (c)(i) simplification of Customs formalities in the field of transport (Priority A); (ii) simplification and standardization of Customs documents connected with international transport and traffic (Priority B); and (d) consideration, where appropriate, of other Customs questions affecting transport (Priority B).

#### 09.1.4. Carriage of dangerous goods

Description: Administrative questions: (a) (Priority A) European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR); (i) application; and (ii) recasting of Annex A and its appendices; (iii) periodic revision of the Annexes to the Agreement, taking account of scientific and technical advances and of the need to keep their provisions in harmony with those of the international regulations applicable to other modes of transport and with the relevant international recommendations; and (iv) administrative and technical studies concerning bilateral Agreements concluded by the Parties to ADR for specific transport of dangerous goods exempt from certain provisions of Annexes A and B; (b) (Priority A) international carriage of dangerous goods by inland waterway: (i) bringing into force of the appropriate provisions by the adoption of a resolution (ADN); application of these provisions; and (ii) periodic revision of the provisions, taking account of scientific and technical advances and of the need to keep the provisions in harmony with those of the international regulations applicable to the other modes of transport and with the relevant international recommendations; (c) adaptation of European regulations to the provisions of recommendations made at world level (Priority A); and (d) consideration of any other problems that may affect the transport of dangerous goods (Priority B).

#### 09.1.5. Transport of perishable foodstuffs

Description: Administrative questions: (a) Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such carriage (ATP): (i) entry into force and implementation of the Agreement (Priority A); and (ii) review and, if appropriate, revision of the Agreement (Priority B); and (b) packagings for certain perishable foodstuffs: revision of the Committee's resolutions on the standardization of such packagings (Priority B). Technical questions: Studies required for the purposes of administrative questions (a)(i) (Priority A) and (a)(ii) and (b) (Priority B).

#### 09.1.6. Combined transport

Description: General: Development of administrative and technical measures to ensure maximum utilization of the equipment used for combined transport including containers, pallets, etc. (Priority A). Administrative questions (Priority A): (a) Combined transport in general; improvement and unification of measures to promote the development of such transport; and (b) Transport by container: (i) study and unification of the administrative measures made necessary by the development of such transport and preparation of recommendations for its development and improvement; (ii) review development of standardized documents; (iii) review and, where appropriate, development of a system of marking, coding and identification of containers including the study of methods of automatic reading. Economic questions (Priority A): (a) Impact of the development of combined transport on the economics of the various modes of inland transport; and (b) use of large-capacity and special-purpose containers. Technical questions: (a) Standardization and harmonization of dimensions and safety requirements (Priority A); (b) periodic review of the development of technology in combined transport (Priority A); (c) mechanization of handling operations (Priority B); and (d) unification of safety requirements applicable to construction and use of all types of containers and exchange of views on methods of implementation of the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC) (Priority A).

#### 09.1.7. Inland water transport

Description: Administrative questions: (a) Police regulations and signalling systems for inland waterways and for vessels using them (Priority A): (i) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) and Resolution No.1 of the Sub-Committee on Inland Water Transport - amendments, additions and application, and (ii) provisions not included in CEVNI - amendments designed to improve and to harmonize or unify them; (b) technical requirements and related topics (Priority A): (i) Preparation of standardized technical requirements for cargo-carrying and passenger-carrying inland navigation vessels; (ii) standardization or possible reciprocal recognition of certain ships' papers and (iii) reciprocal recognition of certain requirements relating to the issue of boatmasters' certificates; (c) water pollution: review and circulation of experience gained in combating water pollution by inland navigation vessels and adoption of measures to improve the existing situation (Priority A); and (d) revision of maps of inland waterways used in international traffic (Priority C). Economic and Technico-economic questions: (a) Effect on the productivity of inland water transport of the gradual introduction of special-purpose vessels, including container-carrying vessels (Priority A); (b) economic importance of the new techniques applied in inland navigation, more particularly: pushing; containers; and ship-borne barge

carriage (Priority A); and (c) use of computers in the planning, management and analysis of inland water transport (Priority A). Technical and technological questions: (a) Handling of goods in inland waterway ports and related questions (Priority B); and (b) new techniques in inland navigation (new methods of navigation: operation of pushers; standardization of pushed barges; rational design of vessels and of port installations) (Priority A). Legal questions: Implementation of the Conventions on inland navigation (Priority A).

#### 09.1.8. Rail transport

Description: Administrative questions: Difficulties with regard both to administrative organizations and to capacity encountered at frontiers by rail transport; consideration of measures to eliminate these difficulties (Priority A). Economic and technico-economic questions: (a) Automatic coupling: study of the economic and financial aspects of introducing such couplings and arrangements for their introduction (Priority A); (b) unification and standardization of rolling stock and of its structural components (Priority A); and (c) the electro-pneumatic brake (Priority B).

#### 09.1.9. Road transport

Description: Administrative and economic questions: International road transport: (a) liberalization on a multilateral and bilateral basis (Priority A); and (b) bilateral agreements on the carriage of passengers and goods: exchange of information (Priority C). Technical questions (Priority A): (a) Control of air pollution and noise caused by motor vehicles; (b) technical requirements concerning the construction of road vehicles and their equipment and parts (standardization; exchanges of information); and (c) road infrastructure; utilization of modern methods for traffic control; technical characteristics of the European network of international traffic arteries. Legal questions: Implementation of the existing international road transport conventions (Priority B); Miscellaneous questions: (a) Approval of vehicles and their equipment and parts (Priority A); (b) vehicle insurance, the "green card" system (Priority B); (c) fiscal questions (Priority B); (d) road traffic and road signs and signals (Priority A); (e) road traffic safety (Priority A); (f) driving permits (Priority B); (g) Safety of road vehicles (Priority A); (h) behaviour and education of road users and in particular training and instruction of drivers and road traffic education in schools (Priority A); (i) road traffic accident statistics (Priority A); (j) energy problems in connexion with the construction and operation of motor vehicles (Priority A) and (k) promotion of public passenger transport (Priority B).

### 09.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 09.2.1. General questions

Description: Management training in transport: Exchange of information on facilities for management training in transport questions (Priority C). Administrative questions (Priority B): (a) Transport by ropeway: (i) unification of regulations; (ii) review of existing resolutions; and (b) transport by pipeline; exchange of information on safety regulations. Economic questions: (a) Track costs; study of the apportionment of track costs among users (Priority A); and (b) forecasts of the future



volume of passenger and goods transport; study of methods and review of forecasts made (Priority A). Legal questions: Preparation of a convention on the contract of agency in the international carriage of goods (Priority C).

#### 09.2.2. Carriage of dangerous goods

Description: Administrative questions: Implementation of the procedure enabling the amendments requiring to be made from time to time to the international regulations governing the carriage of dangerous goods in Europe by the principal modes of inland transport to be studied simultaneously (Priority A). Technical questions:

(a) Technical studies required for the preparation of certain provisions peculiar to road and inland water transport (Priority B); and (b) measures for the prevention of pollution during the carriage of dangerous goods (Priority A).

#### 09.2.3. Transport of perishable foodstuffs

Description: Administrative questions: Certificates of approval for special equipment for the transport of perishable foodstuffs; follow-up of the implementation of resolution No.218 recommending the reciprocal recognition of certificates of conformity for insulated, refrigerated, mechanically refrigerated or heated equipment used for the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs by land (Priority A). Technical questions: Technical studies (Priority B).

#### 09.2.4. Statistics

Description: Economic questions: (a) Consideration of guidelines for a system of price and quantity statistics and their implementation in the transport field (Priority A); (b) preparation for the taking of the 1980 road censuses (Priority A); (c) study of complete and simplified methods for carrying out censuses in general and their application to the transport field (Priority A); (d) review the Commodity Classification for Transport Statistics in Europe (CSTE) in the light of the experience gained, the Standard International Trade Classification, Revised (SITC) and the need for linking it with the International Standard Classification of All Goods and Services (ICGS) (Priority B); and (e) review of the implementation of the European Programme of Basic (Census type) Inland Transport Statistics and analysis of methods used for collecting the statistics prescribed in this Programme (Priority B).

#### 09.2.5. Combined transport - Convention on International Intermodal Transport (Priority A)

Description: Administrative and legal questions: Co-operation in preparing a plenipotentiary conference on international intermodal transport, in particular, the development of a convention on this subject.

#### 09.2.6. Inland water transport

Description: Administrative questions: (a) Measures to be adopted to control noise and vibration (Priority A); (b) problems connected with the implementation of an international certificate for pleasure craft and of an international certificate of competence for pleasure craft operators (Priority A); and (c) drafting of provisions concerning lake navigation and navigation for pleasure (Priority A). Economic and

technico-economic questions: (a) Prospects for the development of inland water transport in Europe (Priority B); and (b) study of the Danube-Oder connexion with extension towards the Elbe (Priority C). Technical and technological questions: Devices for coupling pushed barges to one another, to pusher craft and to self-propelled pusher barges (Priority B). Legal questions: (a) Drafting of a convention on the contract for the carriage of passengers and luggage in inland navigation (CVN) (Priority A); (b) preparation of the draft Convention on the contract for the carriage of goods in inland navigation (CMN) (Priority C); and (c) study of the problem of the compulsory insurance and of the standardization of the rules concerning liability of owners and users of pleasure craft (Priority C).

#### 09.2.7. Rail transport

Description: Economic and technico-economic questions: (a) Economic effects of containerization on rail transport, including the impact of development in the use of containers on the concentration of marshalling yards and the utilization of rolling stock (Priority B); (b) development of passenger transport (Priority C): (i) standards of comfort; and (ii) use of railway techniques for short hauls; (c) development of methods to reduce the cost of electrification and dieselization and to reduce energy consumption in railway operations (Priority A); (d) automatic reading of inscriptions on vehicles (Priority B); (e) study of the possibilities of development of rail transport, taking into account improvements in operating methods and in technical and economic efficiency (Priority A); (f) achievement of high speeds in rail transport (Priority B) and (g) use of computers in rail transport operations: in particular, problems relating to the technical and economic effectiveness of cybernetic methods in electronic computer techniques, and problems relating to the parameters of computers and communication facilities that can be used at various stages of rail transport control (Priority B).

#### 09.2.8. Road transport

Description: Administrative questions (Priority B): International road transport: (i) regular international passenger transport services passing through the territory of more than two countries: questions of principle (if raised); and (ii) bilateral agreements on the carriage of passengers and goods by road: bringing up-to-date the content of the document on technical and administrative clauses currently included in bilateral agreements. Technical questions: Infrastructure: development of the road network in certain areas of Europe (technical characteristics) north-south motorway link between the northern and south-east European countries (Priority B). Legal questions: International road transport: (i) Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR): activities relating to the implementation and to a possible revision of the Convention, and to the international consignment note (Priority B); and (ii) Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road (CVR): questions related to its implementation (Priority B).

### 10. - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Authority: Report of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology on their third session (ECE/SC.TECH/6, paragraph 64 and Annex I).

At their third session the Senior Advisers decided that the perspective guidelines for future activities adopted at their second session (ECE/SC.TECH/4, paragraphs 50-52) were still valid, in view of the fact that the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe had not yet been concluded.

#### PERSPECTIVE GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Description: After discussing and adopting their programme of work for 1974, the Senior Advisers adopted the following perspective guidelines for future activities. The Senior Advisers were agreed that their future programme of work should be governed by problem-oriented and flexible approach. Moreover, it was widely considered that at the present time, when future multilateral scientific and technological co-operation in the ECE region was also under discussion at the Conference on European Security and Co-operation, it might be premature to draw up a definitive schedule and order of priorities for future projects. They believed that in general it would be desirable to review the scope, contents and priorities of future activities at each of their annual sessions, in the light of changing needs and opportunities affecting scientific and technological co-operation in the ECE region.

It was agreed that the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology as a Principal Subsidiary Body of the Commission, with a broad responsibility for advancing multilateral scientific and technological co-operation, had a significant role to play in the general guidance of the scientific and technological work of the Commission as a whole, and that the significance of this work should be reflected in its method of work and on the selection of subjects and priorities in this field for consideration by Senior Advisers and the Commission. The role of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology, within their terms of reference, should be to provide intellectual guidance to the Commission as a whole and to Principal Subsidiary Bodies on matters relating to scientific and technological problems of interest to ECE Governments.

As regards procedures and methods of work, it was agreed that Seminars were valuable in themselves and provided a useful means of facilitating the exchange of experience and the improvement of methodological understanding. It was further agreed, however, that in order to ensure more continuing attention to problems of concern and practical co-operation, as well as adequate follow-up action to the results of Seminars, it could be desirable to supplement these activities with other forms of co-operation.

#### 11. - SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Authority: Provisional long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, as adopted by the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments at their twelfth session (ECE/EC.AD/10, paragraphs 62-73 and Annex II).

## 11.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

### 11.1.1. Exchange of information and views on the preparation and implementation of medium-term and long-term plans, programmes and prospects (Priority A)

Description: Annual exchanges of information on medium-term and long-term plans, programmes and prospects for the ECE region will continue on the basis of country notes prepared by Governments and on notes prepared by the secretariat. Special attention is to be given to long-term economic and social problems of common interest to ECE Governments and to their interrelations and to the opportunities of solving them offered by international co-operation pursuant to Commission resolution 2 (XXVII).

### 11.1.2. Overall Economic Perspective for the ECE region (Priority A)

Description: The preliminary version issued in 1975 will be revised in 1976 and 1977.

### 11.1.3. Study on long-term problems in the field of basic products and energy (Priority A)

Description: Pursuant to decision E (XXIX), the Senior Economic Advisers will continue their study of long-term problems in the field of basic products and energy. As the study proceeds, specific issues of common interest to Governments will be selected for further work.

### 11.1.4. Study of international factors in long-term growth (Priority A)

Description: Following the Seminar to be held in 1976, a study of international factors in long-term growth should be initiated in the light of the Overall Economic Perspective.

### 11.1.5. Studies on instruments and methods for the elaboration of national plans, programmes and projections (Priority A)

Description: (i) Seminars related to policy issues of interest to the Senior Economic Advisers will be organized at appropriate times. (ii) The annual exchange of bibliographical information on models for planning will be continued.

## 12. - STATISTICS

Authority: Long-term programme of work for 1975-1979, approved by the Conference of European Statisticians at its twenty-second session (ECE/CES/4, paragraphs 192-197 and Annex I).

## 12.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

### 12.1.1. Economic statistics

#### 12.1.1.1. Systems of national accounts and balances and related subjects (Priority A)

Description: Application and review of implementation of the systems of national accounts and balances and further development of the systems; development of related systems of statistics of the distribution of income, consumption and accumulation and statistics of quantities and prices. During 1975 to 1979 the main emphasis of the work will be on the examination of the implementation of SNA and MPS and the developments and revisions needed in the systems. Attention will also be given to the use of the systems for the co-ordination of economic statistics.

#### 12.1.1.2. Classifications in the field of economic statistics (Priority A)

Description: Participation in the periodic revision of classifications in the field of economic statistics, preparation of new classifications in areas in which they do not yet exist. During 1975 to 1979 the Conference will complete its work on the classification of goods and services and on the conversion key between the SITC and the Standard Foreign Trade Classification of the CMEA; and will continue to participate in the preparation and revision of other international classifications in the field of economic statistics as required.

#### 12.1.1.3. Subjects in specific areas of economic statistics (Priority A)

Description: Preparation and revision of international recommendations in specific areas of economic statistics in relation to the national accounts and balances. During 1975 to 1979 work will proceed on the preparation, revision and extension of statistical standards in different fields of economic statistics and on the review of implementation of standards already adopted. The following specific topics were selected for consideration: agricultural statistics (jointly with FAO and the ECE Committee on Agricultural Problems); statistics of science and technology (jointly with UNESCO and the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology); and selected other subjects in the field of economic statistics.

### 12.1.2. Social and demographic statistics

#### 12.1.2.1. System of Social and Demographic Statistics (SSDS) and related subjects (Priority A)

Description: Participation in the work of the United Nations Statistical Commission on the elaboration of the framework, structure, accounts and common definitions of the SSDS; of the basic series and characteristic definitions and classifications of the various sub-systems and of the links among the different sub-systems and with the systems of national accounts and balances; participation in the development of international guidelines for social indicators. During 1975 to 1979 work will continue on the scope and contents of the system; concepts, definitions and classifications; and on social indicators.

#### 12.1.2.2. Classifications in the field of social and demographic statistics (Priority A)

Description: Participation in the periodic revision of classifications in the field of social and demographic statistics; preparation of new classifications in fields in

which they do not exist. During 1975-1979 the Conference will continue to participate in the preparation and revision of international classifications in the field of social and demographic statistics.

12.1.2.3. Subjects in specific areas of social statistics (Priority A)

Description: Preparation and revision of international recommendations in specific areas of social statistics; development of the relevant sub-systems of the SSDS. During 1975 to 1979 work will continue on the preparation and development of standards in various areas of social statistics, notably in the fields of health, education, culture and housing. The following specific topics were selected for consideration: health statistics (jointly with WHO); statistics of education (jointly with UNESCO); cultural statistics (jointly with UNESCO); housing censuses (preparation of the 1980 census recommendations) (jointly with the ECE Committee on Housing, Building and Planning); and criminal and legal statistics.

12.1.2.4. Subjects in specific areas of demographic statistics (Priority A)

Description: Preparation and revision of international recommendations in specific areas of demographic statistics; development of the demographic sub-system of the SSDS. During 1975 to 1979 work will be carried out in particular on projections of households and families and population censuses (preparation of the 1980 census recommendations).

12.1.3. Statistics for environmental studies and policies (Priority A)

Description: Study of the statistical requirements for environmental studies and policies; participation in the work of the United Nations Statistical Commission in the development of a system of environmental statistics; elaboration of the concepts, definitions and classifications to be used for the study of particular environmental phenomena, and for the purposes of the system as a whole (jointly with the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems). During 1975 to 1979 work will continue on selected subjects in the field of environmental statistics and on the scope, structure and contents of a system of environmental statistics.

12.1.4. Other statistical subjects (Priority A)

Description: Work on other statistical subjects not included under the preceding headings. The following specific subjects were selected for consideration: regional statistics; and (possibly) accuracy of statistics.

12.1.5. Organizational and operational subjects (Priority A)

Description: Use of computers for statistical purposes and other subjects in the field of operational techniques of producing statistics. The specific topics for consideration will be selected later.

12.1.6. Programming, policy-making and co-ordination of statistical activity  
(Priority A)

Description: Work on this project is carried out at the plenary sessions of the Conference of European Statisticians and at sessional meetings. The work on co-ordination of statistical activity covers the statistical work of the Economic Commission for Europe and other international organizations in Europe. The Conference will continue to meet annually in plenary sessions. Sessional meetings on co-ordination of statistical activities of ECE and the statistical work of other international organizations will be convened as necessary.

13. - STEEL

Authority: Long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, as adopted by the Steel Committee at its forty-second session (ECE/STEEL/8, paragraph 30 and Annex II).

13.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

13.1.1. Short-term trends and problems in the steel industry (Priority A)

Description: It is expected that the Committee will continue to study short-term developments in the steel market and the advances in iron- and steel-making technology, with particular attention devoted to key questions arising during the course of the period reviewed.

13.1.2. Long-term prospects for the development of the steel industry (Priority A)

Description: The Committee is expected to continue its studies of long-term prospects for the steel industry, the demand for steel products and the raw material base for the steel industry.

13.1.3. Technical co-operation and international contacts (Priority A)

Description: It is expected that the Committee will continue to promote (a) contacts among technical and scientific institutes concerned with iron and steel, and the participation of experts in meetings held on specific technical problems; (b) arrangements for visits by specialists; (c) co-operation with international professional and technical organizations concerned with the various aspects of the steel industry.

13.1.4. Study tours (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will continue to organize international study tours to examine, on the basis of a long-term programme, selected problems of general interest. This programme comprises the following tours: France in 1976; Spain in 1977.

13.1.5. Seminars and symposia (Priority A)

Description: The Committee will continue to hold seminars and symposia to examine, on the basis of a long-term programme, problems inscribed in its programme of work and priorities. This programme comprises the following seminars: (a) Economic

and technical aspects of application of computer techniques in iron and steel-making processes (Czechoslovakia, 1978). (b) Economic and technical aspects of the use of high-strength steels in construction and in engineering industries (Poland - date to be confirmed later).

#### 13.1.6. Statistics (Priority A)

Description: The Committee, through its Working Party on Steel Statistics, will continue (a) to advise the secretariat on the preparation and issuance of a bulletin providing detailed yearly, quarterly and monthly steel statistics on a comparable basis for ECE countries and others, and on the preparation and issuance of annual statistics on world trade in steel; (b) to examine statistical and methodological questions relating to the development of the European steel industry; (c) to assist the secretariat in establishing the methodology for current statistics, such as the method of calculation of apparent steel consumption, and (d) to promote the collection of steel statistics, paying particular attention to the improvement of statistics on stocks and actual consumption of steel.

#### 13.1.7. Co-operation with other United Nations Bodies (Priority B)

Description: The Committee will continue to render assistance to the other regional economic commissions of the United Nations, to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and to contribute to the preparation and documentation of international conferences and symposia held from time to time by the United Nations in this field.

### 13.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

Description: The Committee intends to undertake studies or to organize seminars or symposia on the following subjects: (a) effects of location and scale of plant on the economics of iron and steel production (Priority A); (b) further developments in distribution and marketing of steel products (Priority B); (c) general conditions of sale of steel products and iron, chromium and manganese ores (Priority B); (d) recent evolutions in transport and stocking of iron ore (Priority B); (e) productivity in the iron and steel industry (Priority B); (f) economic and technical aspects of application of computer techniques in iron and steel-making processes (a seminar to be organized in Czechoslovakia in 1978); (g) economic reasons for creating steel plants using direct reduction; (h) development and introduction of continuous technological processes in the iron and steel industry. The priorities for studies mentioned under (g) and (h) are to be decided later.



## 14. - TIMBER

Authority: Long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, as approved by the Timber Committee at its thirty-second session (ECE/TIM/5, paragraphs 64-74 and Annex III).

### Introductory note

Below are listed the projects, primarily the responsibility of the ECE Timber Committee, to be undertaken during the period 1976 to 1980 included in the long-term programme of work and priorities. The work programme of ECE in the field of forest products is developed and carried out jointly with the FAO, the latter organization providing most of the professional staff engaged in the work. In addition to the annual sessions of the Timber Committee, Joint FAO/ECE/ILO and FAO/ECE bodies will deal with the projects where appropriate. (The joint projects for which FAO and ILO are primarily responsible do not figure in this list).

### 14.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### 14.1.1. Forest products market reviews and allied questions

Description: The Timber Committee will review annually the markets in the ECE region for sawn softwood, hardwoods (including tropical), pulpwood, coniferous logs and wood-based panels (plywood, fibreboard and particle board). In addition the secretariat will produce reviews of the forest products market in the ECE region as well as the bi-annual Timber Bulletin for Europe containing quarterly statistics relating to production, trade and prices of the main forest products in Europe and North America. Market reports will be compiled and published periodically on particular countries, commodities and market sectors. The series of studies on the utilization of forest products in different end-uses will be continued. A special lecture will be presented to each annual session of the Timber Committee. Developments in the transport, handling and standardization of forest products will be kept under review. The Committee will keep under review long-term developments in the timber sector and publish periodic studies on this subject. The Committee will also hold symposia on subjects of importance to the timber sector.

#### 14.1.2. Technical and economic aspects of the wood-working industries

Description: The activities of the Committee in this field will be covered by the activities of the Provisional Group of Experts on the Wood-working Industries, including advice to the Committee on the implementation and co-ordination of its activities in the field of the wood-working industries, product development and utilization, assistance in the organization of symposia and seminars in the above fields. The Group of Experts will examine, in depth, technical and economic aspects of the wood-working industries which are referred to it by the Committee. The activities in this field are mainly carried out by means of ad hoc meetings, study tours, symposia and seminars.

#### 14.1.3. Increased efficiency in forest operations

Description: The activities of the Committee in this field are covered by the work of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Working Techniques and Training of Forest Workers, which aims at increasing efficiency in forest operations by improving the methods of work through the exchange of information on the development of forest machinery, by studying the techno-economic aspects of the application by machinery and

manual work, taking into account the multiple use of the forest, and by promoting vocational training of forest workers and the prevention of accidents. These activities will be carried out through study groups, symposia and training courses and with the collaboration of experts. Sessions of the Joint Committee will be held once every two years.

#### 14.1.4. Forest and forest products statistics

Description: The activities of the Committee in this field are covered by the activities of the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest and Forest Products Statistics which deals with various statistical problems at the ECE regional level which are referred to it by the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission of FAO, as well as the ECE Conference of European Statisticians. These problems include statistical methodology and co-ordination, the comparability and uniformity of forestry and forest products statistics, their collection and publication, and computerization in forestry and forest industries. Sessions of the Working Party will usually be held once every two years.

### 15. - TRADE

Authority: Long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, as approved by the Committee on the Development of Trade at its twenty-third session (ECE/TRADE/121, paragraphs 55-56 and Annex II).

#### 15.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

##### 15.1.1. Analysis and review of recent trade trends, policies and problems (Priority A)

Description: It is expected that the Committee at its annual sessions will continue to analyse and review European trade, current and prospective, including the development of interregional trade.

##### 15.1.2. Preparation of practical proposals and recommendations for the removal of obstacles to the development of intra-European, and especially east-west, trade and for action to promote the expansion and diversification of such trade (Priority A)

Description: Work under this project is expected to continue and to receive increasing attention during the period 1976-1980.

##### 15.1.3. Promotion of trade through multilateral and bilateral scientific, technological and industrial co-operation (Priority A)

Description: The Committee is expected to continue its consideration of ways and means of promoting trade through scientific, technological and industrial co-operation.

##### 15.1.4. Trade problems of less-developed member countries of the ECE (Priority A)

Description: It is expected that the Committee and the secretariat will continue their studies and action in respect of trade problems specific to less-developed ECE countries.

15.1.5. Improvement of international trade procedures and international standardization affecting trade (Priority A)

Description: This work is expected to continue during the period 1976-1980 with appropriate changes in emphasis as specific tasks are completed and new tasks are undertaken.

15.1.6. Development of market information and marketing techniques (Priority A)

Description: The Committee's work on this project is expected to receive increasing attention in the period 1976-1980.

15.1.7. Consideration of trade promotion activities and opportunities in specific sectors (Priority A)

Description: During the period 1976-1980 it is anticipated that the Committee will continue to consider, explore and encourage trade promotion activities and opportunities in specific sectors, taking into account the activities pertaining to trade of the Commission's other Principal Subsidiary Bodies.

15.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

15.2.1. Consultations of experts on intra-European, especially east-west, trade (Priority C)

Description: On the basis of its annual review of the results obtained through these consultations, the Committee may decide whether and in what form they should be continued.

16. - WATER PROBLEMS

Authority: Long-term programme of work for 1976-1980, as approved by the Committee on Water Problems at its sixth session (ECE/WATER/10, paragraphs 53-60 and Annex V).

16.1 CONTINUING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

16.1.1. Review and analysis of existing situation and future prospects for water resource use and development (Priority A)

Description: At each plenary session the Committee is to exchange views on major trends and policies with regard to water resource use and development. At three to five-year intervals, Governments are to prepare country monographs on this subject along common lines and to submit statistical data on the use of water in the various sectors. These country monographs should also contain information on the progress made in applying the ECE Declaration of Policy on Water Pollution Control (Commission resolution 10 (XXI)) as well as on the implementation of the recommendations endorsed by the Committee, i.e. the recommendations concerning the protection of ground and surface waters against pollution by oil and oil products, river basin management, selected water problems and the compilation of balances of water resources and needs, the pollution of waters by agriculture and forestry, and the use of computer techniques and automation for water resources systems. Likewise the Committee will review the

progress made by governments in applying any new declaration of principle which the ECE might adopt in the field of water pollution as well as in applying the declarations of principle which will be adopted by the United Nations Water Conference in 1977.

16.1.2. Review of relevant work done and planned in other bodies of the ECE, under other United Nations programmes, and in other international organizations  
(Priority A)

Description: Systematic reviews are made of relevant work done and planned in the field of water resources use and water pollution control in the ECE region, or conducted elsewhere, under other United Nations programmes, or in other international organizations. Close co-operation and, where appropriate, association with other international organizations and in particular with other ECE subsidiary organs is maintained in activities undertaken on water aspects in particular user sectors, on the basis of annual reviews of relevant programmes and studies.

16.2 Ad hoc PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

16.2.1. Studies of selected problems in water pollution control

Description: Work might be initiated on some of the following subjects: (a) study of simple and practical methods for estimating the damage caused by water pollution including methods for the calculation of numerical values of damage (Priority A); (b) study of the methodology of setting priorities for water pollution control measures as well as the methodology of assessing alternatives for accomplishing those measures (Priority A); (c) regional seminar on the application of the latest experience techniques and methods for water treatment, pollution control and management of water resources (with special emphasis on the development of elementary and advanced training for various grades of water resources specialists) (Priority A); (d) criteria and methods for evaluating and comparing the economic measures and their potential effectiveness in achieving required water quality (Priority A); (e) technical standards and instructions concerning the efficient treatment of oil polluted waste waters (Priority A); (f) standard precautionary measures and special precautions used for prevention of water pollution by oil and oil products, with particular reference to the protection zones (Priority A); (g) influence of cooling water on receiving waters (Priority B); (h) study of the techniques of purification of industrial effluents (Priority B); (i) study of the techniques of purification of waste waters originating from agricultural animal production (Priority B); (j) requirements of networks of water quality monitoring stations in respect of their characteristics, their location, their density and frequency of observations (Priority B); (k) use of treated domestic sewage in industry and in groundwater recharging (Priority C); (l) review of progress made in developing main international rivers in Europe (particularly the Rhine, the Danube, etc.) and main lakes of international interest, and in controlling transboundary pollution (Priority C); (m) experience in the use of aquatic plants (reeds, bulrushes, chlorella) for the purification of water bodies (Priority C).

16.2.2. Studies of selected problems of governmental policy related to the formulation and administration of water management plans

Description: Studies and considerations on some of the following subjects might be initiated: (a) organization of a seminar on economic incentives including the fixing

of fees and charges in water supply and waste water disposal systems (Priority A); (b) administrative and financial arrangements in river basin management applicable to different governmental systems (Priority A); (c) investment in, and planning and management of water resources use at the regional and local levels (Priority A); (d) study relating to the establishment of standards of water utilization and water discharge per unit of output, in the various branches of industry (Priority A); (e) re-use of river water (Priority A); (f) methods of programming investments, their allocation and optimization for water resources development (Priority A); (g) methods of rationalizing the development and perfecting the management of water resources (Priority A); (h) methods of systems analysis for application in complex systems of river basin management (Priority A); (i) planning of watershed conservation management in river basin development (Priority A); (j) economic aspects of desalination: evaluation of progress made and applicability under European conditions (Priority B); (k) economic aspects of long-distance transport of water supplies (Priority B); (l) establishment of an international documentation centre of information on water problems (Priority C); (m) study of water prices and their effect upon water needs, particularly in industrial branches (Priority C); (n) exchange of information concerning the methods of deriving and utilizing mathematical models for water resources management (Priority C); (o) exchange of information on water quality monitoring devices and methods available, including the sensitivity, accuracy, dependability, ruggedness and records of operational experience (Priority C); (p) development of a mutually acceptable set of definitions and units for reporting the values of water quality parameters (Priority C); (q) consideration of long-term variations in water availability and the development of guidelines and methods (including particularly the use of storage reservoirs and long-term regulation of flow) for handling the problems to users and managers resulting from the predicted and actual variations in water availability (Priority C).

### 16.2.3. Studies on special aspects of water quality and quantity (Priority A)

Description: The Group of Experts on Aspects of Water Quality and Quantity will continue work on those projects on which action has already been initiated and may initiate work on the following projects: (a) study of pollution loads arising in individual industrial sectors; (b) methods of efficient protection and improvement of the environment in water resources development, and specification of environmental indicators regarding water (with particular attention to social considerations); (c) planning of organization of control, operation and management as components of prospective plans and schemes for the development of water systems; and methods of rational planning of groundwater resources and integrated planning of surface and groundwater resources (document in series on Methodology for Planning Water Resources Development); (d) selection of effective economic incentives for further, more rational and economic utilization of water resources (document in series on Methodology for Planning Water Resources Development); (e) determination of rates of guarantee for water supply on the basis of duration, frequency, etc.; (f) economic considerations regarding eutrophication of lakes and reservoirs and methods of control - in co-operation with WHO and OECD; (g) evaluation of the economic benefits of recreation and amenity associated with inland waters; (h) consideration of "effluent limitation guidelines" being developed by some countries, and of the desirability of possible international action which might lead to the harmonization of such guidelines.

ANNEX I

LIST OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION'S SUBSIDIARY BODIES HELD IN 1974/75

Body and officers	Session	Document symbol of report
<u>THE COMMISSION</u>		
<u>Automation</u>		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting on Economic Efficiency of Automation in Different Industrial Branches</u>	15-16 July 1974	AUTOMAT/AC.1/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Chingari (United States)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Sidorov (USSR)		
Seminar on the Socio-Economic Aspects of Computer-Aided Manufacturing	16-21 September 1974 (Lyon, France)	AUTOMAT/SEM.2/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. May (France)		
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. I. Mashiah (Bulgaria) Mr. J. Sporcq (Belgium)		
Preparatory Meeting for the Seminar on the Use of Automated Process Control Systems in Industry	17-18 July 1974	AUTOMAT/SEM.3/AC/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Sidorov (USSR)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. K.H. Oppenlander (Federal Republic of Germany)		
<u>Engineering</u>		
Seminar on Techno-economic Aspects and Results of Anti-corrosion Measures in Engineering Industries	27-31 January 1975	ENGIN/SEM.2/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Sechaud (France)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Nikiforenko (USSR)		

Body and officers	Session	Document symbol of report
<u>Standardization</u>		
Third Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies	10-14 June 1974	ECE/STAND/14
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. B. Adamski (Poland)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. F.L. LaQue (United States)		
Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies - Group of Experts	First meeting 12 June 1974	STAND/GE.1/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Pulvermacher (United Kingdom)		
<u>Vice Chairman:</u> Mrs. C. Löring Imrene (Hungary)		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Travaglini (United States)	Second meeting 27-29 January 1975	STAND/GE.1/5
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mrs. P. Javor (Hungary)		
Drafting Group on Definitions of the above Group of Experts	Fifth meeting 11 June 1974	STAND/GE.1/AC.1/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Ollner (Sweden)		
<u>Tourism</u>		
Preparatory Meeting for the Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE Region	Second meeting 3-5 February 1975	ECE/SEM.1/AC/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. K. Car (Yugoslavia)		
<u>COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS</u>		
Committee on Agricultural Problems	Twenty-sixth session 10-14 March 1975	ECE/AGRI/11
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Besson (Switzerland)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. K. Kazareczki (Hungary)		

Body and officers	Session	Document symbol of report
Group of Experts on Mechanization of Agriculture	Twentieth session 26-29 August 1974	AGRI/GE.2/14
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Coolman (Netherlands) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. S. Dimov (Bulgaria)		
Group of Experts on Farm Rationalization	Tenth session 23-26 September 1974 (Slanchev Briag, Bulgaria)	AGRI/GE.3/1
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. N. Westermarck (Finland)		
Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce	Thirtieth session 17-21 June 1974	AGRI/WP.1/5
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Lotte (France) <u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. S. Stampach (Czechoslovakia) Mr. J.L. Verlinden (Belgium)		
Joint Meeting of the Group of Experts on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs and the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce	27-28 January 1975	AGRI/WP.1/7 TRANS/GE.11/2
<u>Chairmen:</u> Mr. A. Komarov (USSR) Mr. A. Lotte (France)		
Group of Experts on Standardization of Dry and Dried Fruits	Twenty-first session 13-17 May 1974 (Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany)	AGRI/WP.1/GE.2/6
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. H.R. Jahn (Federal Republic of Germany) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Garcia del Castillo (Spain)		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Moreno Borondo (Spain) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. H.W. Siemsien (Federal Republic of Germany)	Twenty-second session 17-21 March 1975 (Palma de Mallorca, Spain)	AGRI/WP.1/GE.2/8



Body and officers	Session	Document symbol of report
Joint ECE/Codex Alimentarius Group of Experts on Standardization of Quick Frozen Foods  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. T. van Hiele (Netherlands) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Orłowski (Poland)	Ninth session 7-11 October 1974 (Rome, Italy)	AGRI/WP.1/GE.3/5
Joint ECE/Codex Alimentarius Group of Experts on Standardization of Fruit Juices  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Pilnik (Netherlands)	Eleventh session 14-18 October 1974 (Rome, Italy)	AGRI/WP.1/GE.4/4
Group of Experts on Standardization of Early and Ware Potatoes  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Ruineau (France) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Ansermet (Switzerland)	Fifth session 10-12 February 1975	AGRI/WP.1/GE.5/8
Group of Experts on Standardization of Seed Potatoes  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Münster (Switzerland) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. K. Piechowiak (Poland)	Seventeenth session 8-10 October 1974 (Braunschweig, Federal Republic of Germany)	AGRI/WP.1/GE.6/5
Consultation of Experts of the above Group of Experts  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Münster (Switzerland)	5-6 February 1975	AGRI/WP.1/GE.6/6
Group of Experts on International Trade Practices relating to Agricultural Products  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Grandjean (Switzerland) <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. K. Pohl (Czechoslovakia) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Lopez-Puertas (Spain)	Fifteenth session 14-17 October 1974  Sixteenth session 13-17 January 1975 Seventeenth session 17-21 March 1975	AGRI/WP.1/GE.7/48  AGRI/WP.1/GE.7/50 AGRI/WP.1/GE.7/52

Body and officers	Session	Document symbol of report
Group of Experts on Standardization of Eggs-in-Shell	Second session 20-24 May 1974	AGRI/WP.1/GE.8/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Morawski (Poland)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. W.W. Thomann (Switzerland)		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Rybicki (Poland)	Third session 3-5 February 1975	AGRI/WP.1/GE.8/6
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. W.W. Thomann (Switzerland)		
Group of Experts on Standardization of Cut Flowers	First session 1-3 May 1974	AGRI/WP.1/GE.9/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M.Y. Zijp (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Reiff (Austria)		
Symposium on the Effects of Fertilizers on the Quality and Nutritional Value of Grains, Potatoes, Selected Fruits and Vegetables and Forage	4-8 June 1974	AGRI/SEM.4/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mrs. I. Latkovics (Hungary)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mrs. S. Perigaud (France)		
Symposium on the Organization of Production in Large-Scale Agricultural Enterprises	23-26 September 1974 (Slanchev Briag, Bulgaria)	AGRI/SEM.5/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Ganey (Bulgaria)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. N. Westermarck (Finland)		

Body and officers	Session	Document symbol of report
<u>CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COMMITTEE</u>		
Chemical Industry Committee	Seventh session 9-11 October 1974	ECE/CHEM/7
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. Z. Kubek (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Crystal (United Kingdom)		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting of Experts for the Study on Technical Progress in the Chemical Industry</u>	4-5 March 1975	CHEM/AC.1/6
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Boyd (United Kingdom)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Balassa (Hungary)		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Plastic Materials</u>	5-6 September 1974	CHEM/AC.2/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W.J. Sutton (United Kingdom)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mrs. L. Lukianchikova (USSR)		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting on the Availability of Raw Materials for the Chemical Industry</u>	7-8 October 1974	CHEM/AC.3/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. H.F. Pfann (United States)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Gaal (Hungary)		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting of Experts for the Study on Questions of Energy in the Chemical Industry</u>	6-7 March 1975	CHEM/AC.4/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. C. Boutry (France)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Moskvin (USSR)		

Body and officers	Session	Document symbol of report
Preparatory Meeting for the Seminar on Technical and Economic Aspects of the Fertilizer Industry	6-7 January 1975	CHEM/SEM.3/AC/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Larinkari (Finland)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. Z. Ladowski (Poland)		
<u>COAL COMMITTEE</u>		
Coal Committee	Seventieth session 16-19 September 1974	ECE/COAL/8
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. Z. Nowak (Poland)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Scheid (Federal Republic of Germany)		
Group of Experts on Productivity and Management Problems in the Coal Industry	Fifth session 26-28 June 1974	COAL/GE.1/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Kurnosov (USSR)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Benthous (Federal Republic of Germany)		
Group of Experts on Coal Statistics	Eleventh session 1-3 July 1974	COAL/GE.2/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. T. Muszkiet (Poland)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Oakland (United Kingdom)		
Group of Experts on the Utilization and Preparation of Solid Fuels	Fifth session 24-26 June 1974	COAL/GE.3/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Vega de Seoane (Spain)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. Z. Neumann (Poland)		
Working Party on Coal Trade	Tenth session 4-5 July 1974	COAL/WP.1/22
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. B. de Corn (France)	Eleventh session	COAL/WP.1/24
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Cernovsky (Czechoslovakia)	16-17 December 1974	

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Symposium on Sudden Coal and Gas Outbursts	20-25 October 1974 (Donetsk, Ukrainian SSR)	COAL/SEM.2/2
Preparatory Meeting for the Symposium on the Gasification and Liquefaction of Coal	5-7 March 1975	COAL/SEM.3/AC.1/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Scheid (Federal Republic of Germany)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. L. Hofman (Poland)		
<u>CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS</u>		
Conference of European Statisticians	Twenty-second plenary session 24-28 June 1974	ECE/CES/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Sir Claus Moser (United Kingdom)		
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. I. Latific (Yugoslavia)		
Mr. J. Ripert (France)		
Mr. D. Tchervanev (Byelorussian SSR)		
Joint FAO/ECE Study Group on Food and Agriculture Statistics in Europe	Ninth session 25-29 November 1974	FAO/ECE/CES:AGS/74-9
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. K. Medin (Sweden)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. B. Fazekas (Hungary)		
Meeting on Economic Accounts for Agriculture of the joint FAO/ECE Study Group on Food and Agriculture Statistics in Europe	6-10 May 1974	FAO/ECE/CES:AGS/74-5
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<p>Meeting on the Classification of Goods and Services</p> <p><u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Lestang (France)</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mrs. V. Nyitrai (Hungary)</p>	<p>24-28 February 1975</p>	<p>CES/AC.41/11</p>
<p>Meeting on Migration Statistics</p> <p><u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Sexton (Ireland)</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mrs. Z. Anicić (Yugoslavia)</p>	<p>1-3 April 1975</p>	<p>CES/AC.42/5</p>
<p>Working Party on a System of Social and Demographic Statistics</p> <p><u>Chairman:</u> Mr. T. Leppo (Finland)</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mrs. N. Panferova (USSR)</p>	<p>Fourth session 4-8 June 1974</p>	<p>CES/WP.34/15</p>
<u>COMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER</u>		
<p>Committee on Electric Power</p> <p><u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Vajda (Hungary)</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Colamarino (Italy)</p>	<p>Thirty-third session 18-22 November 1974</p>	<p>ECE/EP/11</p>
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Group of Experts on Electric Power Stations  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Wyart (France) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Zhilin (USSR)	Fifth session 9-11 September 1974	EP/GE.3/4
Group of Experts on the Relationship between Electricity and the Environment  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Devantéry (Switzerland) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Korobko (Ukrainian SSR)	Third session 28-30 October 1974	EP/GE.4/4
Seminar on Environmental Aspects of the Cooling Systems of Thermal Power Stations  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. H.R. Siegrist (Switzerland) <u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. E. Robert (France) Mr. A. Bakay (Hungary)	14-16 May 1974 (Zurich, Switzerland)	EP/SEM.2/2
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Committee on Gas  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. D. Sidorov (USSR) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Robert (France)	Twenty-first session 4-8 November 1974	ECE/GAS/16
<u>Ad hoc Meeting on Natural Gas Resources</u>  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Schott (Federal Republic of Germany) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. D. Kovatchev (Bulgaria)	2-3 May 1974	GAS/AC.2/4

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<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Novák (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Joint Meeting of the Group of Experts on Gas Statistics and the ad hoc Meeting on the Methods of Forecasting Gas Demand</u>	23-24 September 1974	GAS/GE.1/4 GAS/AC.1/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. H.A.A. de Melverda (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. B. Podgorny (Poland)		
<u>Group of Experts on the Use and Distribution of Gas</u>	Fifth session 8-10 July 1974	GAS/GE.2/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Koranyi (Hungary)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. F. de Klerck (Netherlands)		
<u>Group of Experts on the Transport and Storage of Gas</u>	Fifth session 10-12 July 1974	GAS/GE.3/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. D. Sidorov (USSR)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. H. Jones (United Kingdom)		
<u>Symposium on Developments of Gas Markets in Europe and their Supply Possibilities up to 1985</u>	27-30 May 1974 (Belgrade, Yugoslavia)	GAS/SEM.1/1
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. S. Zinić (Yugoslavia)		
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Preparatory Meeting for the Symposium on Gas Industry and Environment	3-4 March 1975	GAS/SEM.3/AC.1/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Chaika (Byelorussian SSR)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Bakker (Netherlands)		
<u>COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING</u>		
Committee on Housing, Building and Planning	Thirty-fifth session 9-13 September 1974	ECE/HBP/11
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J.T. Redpath (United Kingdom)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. B.P. Sapunov (Ukrainian SSR)		
Consultation on the Programme for the Seminar on the Concept of Housing and its Evolution	25-28 June 1974	HBP/AC.1/4
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<u>Ad hoc Meeting on the Improvement of Housing and its Immediate Surroundings</u>	11-13 December 1974	HBP/AC.2/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. C. de Cler (Netherlands)		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting on Housing for Special Groups of the Population</u>	8-10 January 1975	HBP/WP.1/AC.2/4
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<p>Group of Experts on Urban and Regional Research</p> <p><u>Chairman:</u> Mr. D. Hazelhoff (Netherlands)</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. L. Horniak (Czechoslovakia)</p>	Sixth meeting 21-25 October 1974	HBP/WP.3/GE.1/5
<p>Seminar on Planning and Development of Rural Areas</p> <p><u>Chairman:</u> Mr. N. Nenov (Bulgaria)</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. H. de Farcy (France) Mr. W. Erwin (United States)</p>	3-8 June 1974 (Plovdiv, Bulgaria)	HBP/SEM.5/2
<p>Seminar on Construction in Seismic Regions and in Regions with Difficult Ground Conditions</p> <p><u>Chairman:</u> Mr. S. Balan (Romania)</p> <p><u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Malcor (France)</p>	14-18 October 1974 (Bucharest, Romania)	HBP/SEM.6/3
<p>Preparatory Meeting for the Seminar on Housing Tomorrow</p> <p><u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Randet (France)</p>	11-14 November 1974	HBP/SEM.9/PM/2
<p>Preparatory Meeting for the Seminar on Long-term Prospects and Policies in the Construction sector</p> <p><u>Chairman:</u> Mr. D.O. Pedersen (Denmark)</p>	2-4 April 1975	HBP/SEM.10/PM/2

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Inland Transport Committee  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Billet (France) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. N. Shinkarev (USSR)	Thirty-fourth session 3 - 7 February 1975	ECE/TRANS/11
Group of Experts on Transport Statistics  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. I. Pálos (Hungary) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Ducret (Switzerland)	Twenty-ninth session 6-9 January 1975	TRANS/GE.6/2
Group of Experts on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Komarov (USSR) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Petitmermet (Switzerland)	Twenty-eighth session 28-30 January 1975	TRANS/GE.11/2 AGRI/WP.1/7
Joint Meeting of the Group of Experts on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs and the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce  <u>Chairmen:</u> Mr. A. Komarov (USSR) Mr. A. Lotte (France)	27-28 January 1975	TRANS/GE.11/2 AGRI/WP.1/7

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<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. F.W. Ireland (United Kingdom) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. H. Kemler (France)		
Working Group to discuss the nature of aluminium alloy receptacles for certain gases of Class Id	22-23 May 1974 (London, United Kingdom)	TRANS/GE.15/R.46
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P.W. Ireland (United Kingdom)		
Joint Meetings of the RID Safety Committee and the ECE Group of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	1-11 October 1974	TRANS/GE.15/R.60
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. H. Kemler (France) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Gummel (Federal Republic of Germany)		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E.D. Wilson (United Kingdom)	11-15 November 1974 (Berne, Switzerland)	TRANS/GE.15/R.69
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. H.J. Druijff (Netherlands)		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P.W. Ireland (United Kingdom)	7-18 April 1975 (Berne, Switzerland)	TRANS/GE.15/R.105
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. H.J. Druijff (Netherlands)		
Working Group of the above Joint Meeting	Third session 21-24 January 1975	TRANS/GE.15/R.80
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. H.J. Druijff (Netherlands)		
Group of Rapporteurs on Container Transport (GRCT)	Fifteenth session 7-10 October 1974	TRANS/GE.24/GRCT/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. C. Woelker (Federal Republic of Germany)		

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<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Duquesne (France)	Thirty-fourth session 21-25 October 1974	TRANS/GE.30/4
Group of Rapporteurs on Customs Questions concerning Containers (GRCC)	Eighteenth session 8-11 July 1974	TRANS/GE.30/GRCC/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Duquesne (France)	Nineteenth session 26-27 March 1975	TRANS/GE.30/GRCC/
<u>Ad hoc Meeting for the Review of the Draft Revised Text of the TIR Convention</u>	24-26 March 1975	TRANS/GE.30/GRCC/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Duquesne (France)		
Working Party on Road Transport	Fifty-fourth (special) session 13-17 May 1974	TRANS/SC1/274
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Viktor (Hungary)	Fifty-fifth (special) session 1-5 July 1974	TRANS/SC1/276
	Fifty-sixth (special) session 16-18 September 1974	TRANS/SC1/278
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. C. Pittam (United Kingdom)	Fifty-seventh session	TRANS/SC1/279
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. Y. Shvedov (USSR)	9 - 13 December 1974	
<u>Ad hoc Meeting on the Liberalization of Transit Traffic of Certain Categories of Goods carried by Road</u>	19-20 September 1974	TRANS/SC1/R.17
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Viktor (Hungary)		
Group of Experts on Road Traffic Safety	Twenty-sixth session 27-30 May 1974	TRANS/SC1/GE.20/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. B. Quist (Netherlands)	Twenty-seventh session	TRANS/SC1/GE.20/5
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Demeter (Hungary)	14 - 18 October 1974	

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<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Pocci (Italy) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Andronov (USSR)	Forty-third session 17-21 June 1974	TRANS/SC1/WP29/5
	Forty-fourth session 18-22 November 1974	TRANS/SC1/WP29/7
	Forty-fifth session 17-21 March 1975	TRANS/SC1/WP29/10
Group of Rapporteurs on Safety Belts (GRC)	Tenth session 9-13 September 1974	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRC/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Ekberg (Sweden) <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Furness (United Kingdom)	Eleventh session 17-21 February 1975 (London, United Kingdom)	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRC/3
Group of Rapporteurs on Braking Problems (GRF)	Twenty-fifth session 10-14 February 1975	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRF/2
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Group of Rapporteurs on Air Pollution (GRPA)	Eleventh session 23-25 September 1974	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRPA/1
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Osselet (France)		
Group of Rapporteurs on Pneumatic Tyres (GRPN)	1-4 April 1975	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRPN/1
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. D.J. Foot (United Kingdom)		
Group of Rapporteurs on Impact Resistance of Drivers' Cabs of Commercial Vehicles (GRR)	Ninth session 8-11 October 1974	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRR/1
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<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. H. Perring (United Kingdom)	Twelfth session 2-6 December 1974	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRSA/3
Group of Rapporteurs on General Safety Provisions (GRSG)	Twenty-third session 22-25 October 1974	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRSG/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Pocci (Italy)	Twenty-fourth session 14-17 January 1975	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRSG/3
Group of Rapporteurs on Tractors and Agricultural Machinery (GRT)	Seventh session 15-19 July 1974	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRT/1
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Bezzi (Italy)		
Working Party on Rail Transport	Twenty-eighth session 4-6 November 1974	TRANS/SC2/140
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Monney (Switzerland)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Hatnean (Romania)		
Working Party on Inland Water Transport	Eighteenth session 25-28 November 1974	TRANS/SC3/83
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Léonard (Belgium)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Valkanov (Bulgaria)		
Group of Experts on the Standardization of Technical Requirements for Vessels and of Ships' Papers	Fifth session 2-6 September 1974	TRANS/SC3/GE.1/8
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Long Depaquit (France)	Sixth session 7-11 April 1975	TRANS/SC3/GE.1/10
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. O. Wasch (Hungary)		

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Group of Experts on the Standardization of Rules of the Road and Signs and Signals in Inland Navigation	Fourth session 4-7 June 1974	TRANS/SC3/GE.2/6

Chairman: Mr. A. Long Depaquit  
(France)

<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J.F. Lévy (France)	Fifth session 24-28 February 1975	TRANS/SC.3/GE.2/8
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Seminar on the Choice of the Most Rational Layouts and Most Efficient Construction Methods for Port Installations on Inland Waterways	29 April - 4 May 1974 (France)	TRANS/SC3/SEM.1/2
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Chairman: Mr. R. Vadot (France)

Preparatory Meeting for the second ECE Seminar on the Impact of Transportation on Settlement Planning	24-26 March 1975	TRANS/SEM.1/FM/2 HBP/SEM.12/FM/2 ENV/SEM.5/FM/2
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(United States)

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(Czechoslovakia)  
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<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Blaszczyk (Poland)		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting of Experts on the Principles, Concepts and Practices of Non-waste Technology and Production Systems</u>	8-10 January 1975	ENV/AC.4/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Fischer (Federal Republic of Germany)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Grau (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Consultation on Basic Principles and Policy Implications of Non-Waste Technology</u>	14-15 October 1974	ENV/AC.4/R.1
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. K.V. Ananichev (USSR)		
<u>Working Party on Air Pollution Problems</u>	Fifth session 13-17 January 1975	ENV/WP.1/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. T. Holmoy (Norway)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Janecko (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Seminar on Ecological Aspects of Economic Development Planning</u>	7-11 April 1975	ENV/SEM.2/2 EC.AD/SEM.3/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Tinbergen (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. Z. Sadowski (Poland)		
<u>Preparatory Meeting for the Seminar on the Collection, Disposal, Treatment and Recycling of Solid Wastes</u>	11-12 September 1974	ENV/SEM.3/PM.4
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Preparatory Meeting for the second ECE Seminar on the Impact of Transportation on Settlement Planning  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Hirten (United States)	24-26 March 1975	ENV/SEM.5/PM/2 HBP/SEM.12/PM/2 TRANS/SEM.1/PM/2
<u>SENIOR ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY</u>		
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Cortellessa (Italy) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. K. Ananichev (USSR)	Third session 9-12 December 1974	ECE/SC.TECH/6
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Seminar on the Organization and Management of Co-operative International Research  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. B. Jasinski (Poland) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. D. Thacker (Canada)	23-26 September 1974 (Warsaw, Poland)	SC.TECH/SEM.2/2

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<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Schreiner (Norway)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Haeder (German Democratic Republic)		
Seminar on the Use of Systems of Models in Planning	2-11 December 1974 (Moscow, USSR)	EC.AD/SEM.2/1
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. S.S. Shatalin (USSR)		
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. J. Bouska (Czechoslovakia) Mr. B.A. van Hamel (Netherlands) Mr. W. Teufelsbauer (Austria)		
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<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Tinbergen (Netherlands)		
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<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. Z. Sobczyk (Poland)		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Forecasting Methods</u>	14 June 1974	STEEL/AC.1/2
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Group of Experts on Long-Term Prospects	Third meeting 28-29 October 1974	STEEL/GE.2/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Clerget (France) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mrs. L.M. Gavrilina (USSR)		
Working Party on the Steel Market	Thirteenth session 10-11 June 1974	STEEL/WP.1/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Ghislain (Belgium) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Miksa (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting on the Steel Market</u>	18-19 February 1975	-
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Ghislain (Belgium) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Miksa (Czechoslovakia)		
Symposium on the Use of Steel in Motor-Vehicle Manufacture	2-6 December 1974	STEEL/SEM.1/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Conrot (Luxembourg) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Polanský (Czechoslovakia)		
Preparatory Meeting for the Seminar on the Utilization of Pre-reduced Materials in Electric Arc Furnaces	24-25 April 1975	STEEL/SEM.2/AC/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. D. Nita (Romania) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. C. Roederer (France)		

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<u>TIMBER COMMITTEE</u>		
Timber Committee	Thirty-second session 14-18 October 1974	ECE/TIM/5
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Madas (Hungary) <u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. J. Bakker (Netherlands) Mr. F. Palmer (United Kingdom)		
Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Working Techniques and Training of Forest Workers	Tenth session 29-31 October 1974 (Paris, France)	TIM/EFC/WP.1/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Brunet (France) <u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. M. Kantola (Finland) Mr. A. Mateev (Bulgaria) Mr. F. Rydbo (Sweden)		
Study Group on Methods and Organization of Forest Work of the above joint Committee	Eighth session 10-14 March 1975	TIM/EFC/WP.1/GE.1/5
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Vinogorov (USSR)		
Study Group on Vocational Training and Prevention of Accidents in Forest Work of the above joint Committee	Tenth session 29 April - 1 May 1974	TIM/EFC/WP.1/GE.2/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. B. Strehlke (Federal Republic of Germany)		
Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest and Forest Products Statistics	Tenth session 21-25 April 1975	TIM/EFC/WP.2/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Clicheroux (Belgium) <u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. A. Grayson (United Kingdom) Mr. I. Predescu (Romania)		

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<u>Ad hoc Meeting of Experts on Grading Rules for Coniferous Sawwood</u>	11-13 September 1974	TIM/WP.3/AC.3/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Townsley (Canada)		
Drafting Group of the above <u>ad hoc Meeting</u>	Second meeting 2 May 1974	TIM/WP.3/AC.3/R.6
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Townsley (Canada)		
Symposium on the Modernization of the Sawmilling Industry	13-17 January 1975	TIM/SEM.3/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J.F.S. Carruthers (United Kingdom)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Diakonov (USSR)		
Seminar on the Utilization of Particle Board and Fibreboard in Construction	2-6 September 1974 (Sopron, Hungary)	TIM/CRP.8
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. I. Zagoni (Hungary)		
<u>COMMITTEE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE</u>		
Committee on the Development of Trade	Twenty-third session 25-29 November 1974	ECE/TRADE/121
<u>Chairman:</u> Miss A. Warburton (United Kingdom)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. L. Klucinski (Poland)		
Group of Experts on International Contract Practices in Industry	Seventh session 18-21 November 1974	TRADE/GE.1/27
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Cristea (Romania)	Eighth session 24-27 March 1975	TRADE/GE.1/29
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. H. Stumpf (Federal Republic of Germany) Mr. B. Fedorowicz (Poland)		

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Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Kostikov (USSR) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. H.E. Harriman (United States)	Third session 2-4 October 1974	TRADE/WP.4/115
<u>Ad hoc Meeting on the ECE Layout Key</u>  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Duquesne (France) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. I. Balázs (Hungary)	17-21 February 1975	TRADE/WP.4/AC.1/2
Group of Experts on Automatic Data Processing and Coding  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. David (Czechoslovakia) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Borgström (Sweden)	Seventh session 8-10 May 1974 Eighth session 1-3 October 1974 Ninth session 20-21 February 1975	TRADE/WP.4/GE.1/14 TRADE/WP.4/GE.1/16 TRADE/WP.4/GE.1/18
Group of Experts on Data Requirements and Documentation  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Duquesne (France) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. I. Balázs (Hungary)	Seventh session 30 September - 2 October 1974 Eighth session 20-21 February 1975	TRADE WP.4/GE.2/14 TRADE WP.4/GE.2/16
Second Seminar on East-West Trade Promotion, Marketing and Business Contacts  <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. D.J. Liston (United Kingdom) <u>Vice Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Kowalski (Poland)	13-18 May 1974	TRADE/SEM.1/2
Preparatory Meeting for the Third Seminar on East-West Trade Promotion, Marketing and Business Contacts	23 January 1975	TRADE/SEM.2/AC/2

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<u>COMMITTEE ON WATER PROBLEMS</u>		
Committee on Water Problems	Sixth session 30 September - 4 October 1974	ECE/WATER/10
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Volker (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Murashko (Byelorussian SSR)		
Group of Experts on Aspects of Water Quality and Quantity	Second session 24-27 June 1974	WATER/GE.1/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. D.H.A. Price (United Kingdom)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Plechac (Czechoslovakia)		
Preparatory Meeting for the Seminar on the Protection of Coastal Waters against Pollution from Land Based Sources	2-4 September 1974	WATER/SEM.3/PM/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Lowy (Spain)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. B. Petrik (Yugoslavia)		
Preparatory Meeting for the Seminar on Long-term planning of Water Management	22-24 January 1975	WATER/SEM.4/PM/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Plechac (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J.E. Brachet (France)		



ANNEX II

LIST OF ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO THE  
 ATTENTION OF THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE  
 COMMISSION IN CONNEXION WITH THE ADOPTION  
 OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES

A. <u>Publications</u>	<u>Document in which the Statement of financial implications is contained</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u> \$
- Publication in mimeographed form of the List of competent authorities in ECE countries issuing technical regulations of importance for international trade	ECE/STAND/14, para. 46	9,900
- Publication in printed form of the Study on Long-term Prospects and Policies in the Construction Sector	ECE/HBP/11, para. 91 and Annex IV	28,130
- Publication in printed form of the Proceedings of the Symposium on the Planning and Development of the Tourist Industry in the ECE Region, including Secretariat's study	ECE/SEM.1/AC/4, para. 47	89,120
- Publication in printed form of the Study on Urban and Regional Research Policies, Research Results and the Institutional Organization of Research	ECE/HBP/11, para. 91 and Annex IV	23,220
- Publication in offset form of computer print-outs of an Annual Bulletin of Imports of Chemical Products	ECE/CHEM/7, para. 17	14,415
- Publication in offset form of Part III of the Study on Long-term Prospects for Steel Consumption, Production and Trade until 1985 and Outlook for 1990	ECE/STEEL/8, para. 16	11,100

	<u>Document in which the Statement of financial implications is contained</u>	<u>Estimated cost</u> \$
-	Publication in offset form of the new study on European Timber Trends and Prospects 1950-2000	ECE/TIM/5, para. 53 49,205
B.	<u>ECE Consultation on preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements</u>	E/ECE(XXX)/L.9 23,960

ANNEX III

LIST OF MAJOR ECE STUDIES AND PUBLICATIONS, 1974/75

NOTE: The language versions issued are indicated by the following abbreviations:  
E, English; F, French; R, Russian; E/F, bilingual (English/French);  
E/F/R, trilingual (English/French/Russian).

GENERAL

Annual Report of the ECE to the ECOSOC, 19 May 1973 - 29 April 1974  
(E/5470-E/ECE/872) E F R

Economic Survey of Europe in 1973 - The European Economy in 1973  
(Sales No.: 74.II.E.I) E F R

Economic Bulletin for Europe, Vol. 25 (Sales No.: 74.II.E.4) E F R

Economic Bulletin for Europe, Vol. 26, No. 1 - Recent Changes in  
Europe's Trade (Sales No.: 75.II.E.2) E F R

AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Trade Review No. 11: Recent developments of agricultural  
trade in Europe (ECE/AGRI/8) (Sales No.: 74.II.E/Mim.6) E F R

Annual Agricultural Market Review No. 16  
Review of the Agricultural Situation in Europe at the end of 1973  
Vol. I - General review, grain, dairy products; Vol. II - Livestock  
and meat (ECE/AGRI/9) (Sales No.: 74.II.E.8) E F R

Prospects of the European Market for Beef and Veal until 1980  
(ECE/AGRI/14) E F R

Methods and Equipment for Producing Mixed Feed: AGRI/MECH Report  
No. 59 (AGRI/GE.2/13) E F R

Methods and manure treatment with special regard to the protection  
of the environment: AGRI/MECH Report No. 60 (AGRI/GE.2/15) E F R

Revised European Standard No. 19/Rev.2 - Seed potatoes  
(AGRI/WP.1/EUR.STAN.19/Rev.2) E F R

CHEMICALS

Annual review of the chemical industry 1973/1974 (ECE/CHEM/8) E F R

Patterns of use of selected plastic materials other than elastomers  
(ECE/CHEM/9) (Sales No.: 75.II.E.3) E F R

ENERGY

The Coal Situation in Europe in 1973 and its Prospects (ECE/COAL/9)	E F R
Preparation of coal intended for coking (ECE/COAL/10)	E F R
Evolution of productivity in colliery transport (personnel, equipment and products) (ECE/COAL/11)	E F R
Utilization of coal for the long-distance heating of towns and cities (ECE/COAL/12)	E F R
Proceedings of the Symposium on Transport Problems in Open-Cast Mines, Belgrade (Yugoslavia), 20-24 May 1974 (COAL/SEM.1/2)	E F R
Study on environmental problems resulting from coal industry activities (COAL/R.11)	E F R
Improvement of methods of designing, building and operating hydro-electric plants and modernizing existing ones, bearing in mind their role in large power systems (ECE/EP/6)	E F R
Long-term prospects of the electric power industry in Europe, 1970-1985 (ECE/EP/7) (Sales No.: 74.II.E/Mim.5)	E F R
Proceedings of the Symposium on the Effects of Introducing Nuclear Power Stations on the Structure and Reliability of Supply of Electricity Generating Systems in the ECE Region, Madrid (Spain), 22-25 October 1973 (EP/SEM.1/1)	E F R
The Gas Situation in Europe in 1972 and its Prospects (ECE/GAS/11)	E F R
Determination of the Economic Pressure for Long Distance Transmission of GAS (ECE/GAS/12)	E F R
Economic Aspects of the Exploitation of Gas and Gas Condensate Fields (ECE/GAS/14)	E F R
Evaluation of Errors made in the Estimation of Natural Gas Reserves (ECE/GAS/15)	E F R
The use of natural gas for direct reduction of iron ores (ECE/GAS/17)	E F R
Methods of prolonging the life of pipelines (ECE/GAS/18)	E F R
Report of the Symposium on Developments of Gas Markets in Europe and their Supply Possibilities up to 1985, Belgrade (Yugoslavia), 27-30 May 1974 (GAS/SEM.1/1)	E F R

Periodic Bulletins

Annual Bulletin of General Energy Statistics for Europe, 1972, Vol. V (Sales No.: 74.II.E.6)	E/F/R
Annual Bulletin of Coal Statistics for Europe, 1973, Vol. VIII (Sales No.: 74.II.E.13)	E/F/R
Quarterly Bulletin of Coal Statistics for Europe, 1974, Vol. XXIII, No. 1, 2, 3 and 4	E/F/R
Annual Bulletin of Electric Energy Statistics for Europe, 1973, Vol. XIX (Sales No.: 74.II.E.17)	E/F/R
Half-yearly Bulletin of Electric Energy Statistics for Europe, Vol. XIX, No. 1 and 2	E/F/R
Annual Bulletin of Gas Statistics for Europe, 1973, Vol. XIX (Sales No.: 74.II.E.16)	E/F/R

ENVIRONMENT

Proceedings of the Seminar on the Control of Emissions from the Non-Ferrous Metallurgical Industries, Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia), November 1973 (ECE/ENV/5)	E only
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HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING

Building regulations in ECE countries (ECE/HBP/7) (Sales No.: 74.II.E.10)	E F R
Economics of Urban Renewal (ECE/HBP/8)	E F R
Decision-making Processes in the Planning and Building of Housing (ECE/HBP/9)	E F R
Harmonization of Regulations and Standards to Promote International Trade in Building - Report on the proceedings of the Fourth ECE Seminar on the Building Industry (HBP/SEM.3/3)	E F R
Proceedings of the Seminar on Programming of Housing, Malaga (Spain), April 1974 (HBP/SEM.4/2)	E F R
Proceedings of the Seminar on the Planning and Development of Rural Areas, Plovdiv (Bulgaria), June 1974 (HBP/SEM.5/2)	E F R

Periodic Bulletins

Annual Bulletin of Housing and Building Statistics for Europe,  
1973, Vol. XVII (Sales No.: 74.II.E.12) E/F/R

SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS

Reports on current research during the year 1973 on the use of  
mathematical methods in economic analysis (EC.AD/3) E/F/R

Factors and Conditions of Long-term Growth, (ECE/EC.AD/7)  
(Sales No.: 74.II.E.14) E F R

STATISTICS

Statistical Indicators of Short-term Economic Changes in  
ECE Countries, Vol. XVI E only

STEEL AND ENGINEERING

Role and place of engineering industries in national and  
world economies Vol. I and II (ECE/ENGIN/3, Vol.I and II)  
(Sales No.: 74.II.E/Mim.7) E F R

The Steel Market in 1973 (ECE/STEEL/6) (Sales No.: 74.II.E.11) E F R

Periodic Bulletins

Statistics of World Trade in Steel - 1973 (Sales No.: 74.II.E.15) E only

Annual Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe, 1973  
Vol. I (Sales No.: 74.II.E.9) E/F/R

Quarterly Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe, 1974,  
Vol. XXIV, No. 4 E/F/R

Quarterly Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe, 1974,  
Vol. XXV, No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 E/F/R

TIMBER

Supplements to the Timber Bulletin for Europe

Volume XXVI

Supplement No.

3 Review of European forest products markets  
(1973 to April 1974) E F R

- 4 Medium-term survey of the wood-based panels sector

E F R

Volume XXVII

Supplement No.

- 1 Annual forest products market review  
2 Forest products market trends in 1974 and prospects for 1975  
3 Medium-term survey of trends in the sawnwood and sawlog sector  
4 ECE standard for stress grading of coniferous sawn timber

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Periodic Bulletins

Timber Bulletin for Europe, Vol. XXVI, No. 2

E/F

Timber Bulletin for Europe, Vol. XXVII, No. 1

E/F

TRANSPORT

Agreement on Minimum Requirements for the Issue and Validity of Driving Permits (APC), done at Geneva on 1 April 1975 (ECE/TRANS/13)

E/F/R

Periodic Bulletins

Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe, 1973, Vol. XXV (Sales No.: 74.II.E.18)

E/F/R

Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe, 1973, Vol. XX (Sales No.: 74.II.E.19)

E/F/R

WATER

Manual for the Compilation of Balances of Water Resources and Needs (ECE/WATER/5) (Sales No.: 74.II.E.2)

E F R

The Pollution of Coastal and Estuarial Waters (ECE/WATER/6)

E F R

Proceedings of the Symposium on the Use of Computer Techniques and Automation for Water Resources Systems, Washington (USA), 28 March - 4 April 1974, Vol. I, II and III (WATER/SEM.2/2)

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