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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and past practices, the Statistical Commission, at the commencement of its first meeting at a regular session, elects, from among the representatives of its members, a Bureau comprising a Chair, three Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

The Bureau serves for two years, to the extent possible. That duration is achieved by electing the Bureau for a period of one year and re-electing the members of the Bureau who continue to be representatives to the Commission at the following session. The Bureau is elected on the basis of the principle of equitable geographical distribution, with a member of the Bureau elected from each of the regions represented on the Commission.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The items on the provisional agenda and the corresponding documentation were proposed by the Commission at its forty-sixth session (New York, 3-6 March 2015) and were adopted by the Council in its decision 2015/216. The Bureau of the Commission has subsequently approved some changes. The proposed provisional programme of work and timetable for the session is also before the Commission. The Commission is invited to adopt the agenda and provisional programme of work and timetable for its forty-seventh session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations ([E/CN.3/2016/1](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional programme of work and timetable for the session ([E/CN.3/2016/L.1](#))

3. Items for discussion and decision**(a) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

The Commission will have before it the report of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators on the development of a global indicator framework for monitoring the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In its report, the Group describes the activities it has undertaken since its establishment, pursuant to Statistical Commission decision 46/101, and highlights the outcomes of its first two meetings and the process for the development of the global indicators. The report contains a proposal for the global indicators developed by the Group, including indicators that are fully defined and indicators that will require refinement, in accordance with further methodological development and discussion. A workplan on the latter set of indicators will also be presented in a background document to be submitted to the Commission.

Points for discussion by the Commission include: (a) a global indicator framework, for monitoring the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, to be submitted for endorsement by the Council and the General Assembly in line with their respective mandates; (b) a proposed workplan to further develop the indicators that require refinement and/or methodological development; (c) proposed workplans for the implementation of the global indicator framework; and (d) a programme of work for the Group for the following year.

The Commission will also have before it the first report of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Post-2015 Monitoring. In its report, the Group highlights the outcomes of its first two virtual meetings, conducted via teleconference on 7 October 2015 and on 11 November 2015, and details on the preparations being undertaken for its first physical meeting, scheduled for the beginning of January 2016. The Commission will be invited to discuss revisions to the terms of reference of the Group; the proposed concept note for the organization of a forum in 2016 on world data; and on the programme of work of the Group for the following year.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators ([E/CN.3/2016/2](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Post-2015 Monitoring ([E/CN.3/2016/3](#))

(b) Transformative agenda for official statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the transformative agenda for official statistics and related activities. The focus of the report is on the organization of regional

conferences in accordance with the outcome of the Global Conference on the Transformative Agenda held in January 2015 and guidance provided by the Commission at its forty-sixth session. The outcome and conclusions of two recent regional conferences, one for African and one for Arab States, will be set out in a background document, which will also contain other global and regional initiatives on the modernization and integration of official statistics.

In his report, the Secretary-General seeks guidance from the Commission on the practical modalities for advancing the transformative agenda for official statistics at the country, regional and global levels in an internationally collaborative way. The Commission is requested to express its views on developments in implementing the transformative agenda and to provide advice on the future course of action to promote the integration, modernization and transformation of official statistics.

The Commission will also have before it, for information, a report of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) high-level group on the modernization of official statistics. In its report, ECE outlines the outcomes of the activities of the group and its subsidiary groups, focusing on the work accomplished and outputs produced during 2015.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the transformative agenda for official statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/4](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Economic Commission for Europe high-level group on the modernization of official statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/5](#))

(c) Big data for official statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the global working group on big data for official statistics. Since its first meeting, held in Beijing in October 2014, the group has delivered advocacy materials; papers on access and partnerships for big data, and scoping papers on big data classifications and the repository of projects; conducted a global survey on big data; and undertaken pilot projects involving satellite imagery data and mobile phone data. The priority list and programme of work for the short term include pilot projects on big data for indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals; the use of the “big data sandbox” for training; the launch of the big data repository; and further progress on principles for access to data owned by the private sector. The report also includes the outcome of the second International Conference on Big Data for Official Statistics, held in Abu Dhabi in October 2015. The Commission is invited to express its views on the progress achieved and to comment on the plans regarding data access and partnerships, capacity-building and the use of big data for indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the global working group on big data for official statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/6](#))

(d) National accounts

The Commission will have before it the report of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts. In its report, the Working Group provides information on issues emerging from the implementation of the System of National Accounts (SNA), in particular, the SNA research agenda and an update on the finalization of publications supporting the implementation of the 2008 SNA. It also provides information on its programme of work and that of the regional commissions and addresses the scope and timeliness of the implementation of SNA. The Commission is invited to express its views and to provide guidance on the elements of the programme of work of the Working Group.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts ([E/CN.3/2016/7](#))

(e) Environmental-economic accounting

The Commission will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting. In its report, the Committee of Experts describes the progress made in the programme of work of the Committee, with a particular focus on activities related to the implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) in countries, the updated implementation strategy and its uptake by international initiatives, the development of SEEA-Agriculture, the finalization of SEEA-Energy and the promotion of SEEA as an important framework for relevant indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Commission is invited to express its views on the progress of work of the Committee and in particular to adopt SEEA-Energy and the updated implementation strategy for SEEA.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting ([E/CN.3/2016/8](#))

(f) International Comparison Programme

The Commission will have before it the final report of the Friends of the Chair on the evaluation of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme (ICP). The report provides the results of an evaluation assessing the scope, activities and lessons learned from the 2011 round of ICP. It also provides recommendations on ways to organize future rounds of ICP more effectively so that ICP results are more relevant to users and ICP activities are better integrated in the programmes of work of regional and national statistical institutions. The Commission is invited to comment on and adopt the recommendations expressed in the report and to address the implementation of the next round of ICP in 2017.

The Commission will also have before it, for information, a report of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme. In its report, the World Bank outlines the interim activities of ICP, following the conclusion of the 2011 round. It describes activities undertaken at the global and regional levels to conduct update exercises on purchasing power parities (PPPs) to improve estimates on PPPs in

non-benchmark years. It also highlights the latest outreach activities to improve the use of ICP results. The experience of the interim activities can help to inform the future of ICP. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the final report of the Friends of the Chair on the evaluation of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme ([E/CN.3/2016/9](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme interim activities ([E/CN.3/2016/10](#))

(g) International statistical classifications

The Commission will have before it the report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications. In its report, the Expert Group provides updated information on work related to the development and implementation of international statistical classifications in various fields and describes the work it has carried out on the coordination of classifications and the family of international statistical classifications. The Commission is requested to reaffirm the role of the Expert Group as the central coordination body for the current and future work conducted on international classifications and to endorse the planned revision process of the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications ([E/CN.3/2016/11](#))

(h) Industrial statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on industrial statistics. In its report, UNIDO describes the current data collection programme carried out by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and UNIDO, as well as information on capacity-building and training activities carried out for the implementation of the international recommendations on industrial statistics. UNIDO shows that despite positive trends a crucial gap remains with regard to industrial data in many developing countries. The lack of basic industrial data has seriously constrained the ability of government policymakers and business leaders to formulate effective national industrial policies. UNIDO emphasizes the increased relevance of industrial statistics in the context of the global monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Commission is invited to comment on the report and to call upon developing countries to give higher priority to industrial statistics since they are an essential data source for the compilation of SNA, SEEA and other macroeconomic statistics.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on industrial statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/12](#))

(i) Information and communications technology statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Partnership on Measuring Information and Communication Technology for Development. In its report, the Partnership presents an overview of the recent work it has undertaken, including revisions to the core list of information and communications technology (ICT) indicators, new work on measuring gender and ICT and progress on the work related to measuring international trade in ICT services and ICT-enabled services, electronic waste and ICT in education, and ICT indicators required for monitoring progress towards implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It highlights challenges for national statistical offices in producing ICT statistics, discusses new data sources from the ICT sector that could improve data availability and timeliness, and sets out recommendations to improve data quality and availability. The Commission is requested to review and comment on the progress made on ICT statistics; endorse the revised core list of ICT indicators; review and endorse the recommendations proposed to improve the availability and quality of ICT statistics; and express support for the continued work of the Partnership, including to take into account the measurement of ICT as a tool that supports progress towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Partnership on Measuring Information and Communication Technology for Development ([E/CN.3/2016/13](#))

(j) Refugee statistics

The Commission will have before it the joint report of Statistics Norway, the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat), the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the international conference on refugee statistics, held in Antalya, Turkey, from 7 to 9 October 2015. Organized by those entities and the statistical office of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), the conference broadly focused on best ways to advance the work undertaken on the principles for official statistics on refugees and a handbook for official statistics on refugees. Agreement was reached at the conference on the importance of improving the broader understanding of the stocks and flows of refugees and asylum-seekers, by building more efficient information systems that serve relevant government agencies and official statistics. The aim of the conference was to prioritize statistics on refugees and asylum-seekers, but it also addressed statistics on internally displaced persons. In order to conduct work in that regard efficiently, it is suggested in the report that the Commission establish a committee composed of experts from national statistics institutes and international organizations. The Commission will also have before it as a background document, a draft outline and road map for a handbook on refugee statistics.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the joint report of Statistics Norway, TurkStat, Eurostat and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for

Refugees on progress achieved in the work on statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons ([E/CN.3/2016/14](#))

(k) Climate change statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on climate change statistics prepared by the Statistics Division in collaboration with ECE. The report contains a discussion of climate change statistics, highlighting their relevance and importance. It builds upon the programme review on climate change undertaken by the Commission at its fortieth session, in 2009, and upon two previous related conferences on climate change and official statistics organized by the Division. The report provides a description of the demand and supply of climate change statistics around the world, with a particular focus on the constraints facing developing countries in that regard. The report also provides a summary of the work on climate change statistics undertaken by the Division, including methodological guidance, technical assistance and training, in the context of the three key statistical domains relevant to climate change, namely, environment statistics, geospatial information and environmental-economic accounts. The progress made by ECE in terms of work on climate change-related statistics and indicators is also described in the report.

The Commission will also have before it, as a background document, a report on the activities carried out by the Conference of European Statisticians concerning climate change-related statistics and coordinated by the ECE Statistical Division. The background paper includes a description of the work achieved by the Conference with regard to climate change-related statistics, which resulted, in 2011, in the first recommendations on such statistics for national statistical offices. The background paper also provides an outline of the way forward with regard to supporting the implementation of the recommendations at the national and international levels.

The Commission is invited to express its views on the report and to discuss the way forward.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on climate change statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/15](#))

(l) Governance statistics

The Commission will have before it the report of Cabo Verde on the current and planned activities of the Praia group on governance statistics. In its report, the Praia group describes the outcome of its meeting held in Praia from 17 to 19 June 2015, including a 2016-2020 road map and priority actions towards the development of a handbook on governance statistics for national statistical offices, which will cover the conceptualization, measurement methodology and dissemination of governance statistics.

The Commission is invited to express its views on the priority areas identified by the Praia group in its report. The group also seeks endorsement by the Commission of its 2016-2020 road map for the development of a handbook on governance statistics for national statistical offices.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Praia group on governance statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/16](#))

(m) Regional statistical development in western Asia

The Commission will have before it the report prepared by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), with contributions from the Statistical Center of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC-Stat), on the main achievements of statistical development in the region over the past five years; challenges and opportunities resulting from the creation of GCC-Stat; and the strategic direction of statistical development for the period 2016-2020. Particular attention is drawn in the report to: (a) development of the national statistical capacity of the Arab States; (b) implementation of best practices and leading methods and techniques in official statistics; (c) provision of comprehensive and coherent data on Arab States, with national statistical offices as regional reference points; and (d) coordination and building of partnerships for statistical development in the Arab region. Thematic priorities highlighted in the report include civil registration and vital statistics, multidimensional poverty, statistical business registers, national accounts, statistics on trade in services, price statistics, key development indicators of environment statistics, and the need to expand into new areas of statistics, such as governance and security. The importance to the region of statistics during times of conflict is also addressed in the report, in particular ways to preserve statistics and their continuity during those periods, and to identify the specific statistics needed to measure the impact of conflict and crisis. The Commission is invited to comment on the statistical work undertaken in the Arab region and in the Arab countries of the Gulf; the potential for interregional cooperation on and support for regional statistical development with regard to the issues outlined in the report; and the challenges of statistical capacity-development in the region, including statistics during times of conflict and crisis.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of ESCWA on the main achievements in statistical development in the region ([E/CN.3/2016/17](#))

4. Items for information

The following items are presented to the Commission for information. Limited time will be allocated for interventions under the item.

(a) World Statistics Day

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Secretary-General on the activities undertaken by the statistical community to mark the second World Statistics Day, held on 20 October 2015, on the theme of “Better data; better lives”. The report provides information on the coordination work undertaken by the Statistics Division and a summary and overview of the activities undertaken around the world to commemorate the Day. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Statistics Day ([E/CN.3/2016/18](#))

(b) Demographic statistics

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Secretary-General on demographic statistics, which contains a description of the recent activities undertaken by the Statistics Division in that area. The report also provides information on the progress made with regard to the 2020 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses, with a focus on the development of the methodological guidelines for the management of population and housing censuses. It provides an overview of response rates for the statistical collection of the *Demographic Yearbook* related to the 2010 round of population and housing censuses. It also provides information on the activities related to the promotion of the revised set of international statistical standards for civil registration and vital statistics. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on demographic statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/19](#))

(c) Gender statistics

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Secretary-General on gender statistics. The report provides a summary of the recent activities undertaken by the Statistics Division and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics under the umbrella of the Global Gender Statistics Programme, including the implementation of the Evidence and Data for Gender Equality Initiative, jointly executed by the Division and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). It also includes information on the publication entitled *World's Women 2015: Trends and Statistics* and on the organization of the ninth meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on gender statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/20](#))

(d) Household survey

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary General on the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys. The Working Group was established pursuant to Commission decision 46/105, adopted at its forty-sixth session, to foster the coordination and harmonization of household survey activities. The report provides information on the progress made towards the development of the terms of reference of the Working Group. The Commission is invited to take note of progress made.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys ([E/CN.3/2016/21](#))

(e) Disability statistics

The Commission will have before it, for information, the joint report of the Secretary-General and the Washington Group on Disability Statistics. The report provides a review of recent activities and developments on disability statistics by international stakeholders active in the area. It provides a summary of the work of the Group, in particular with regard to ongoing tests of various modules for the measurement of disability and the Group's collaborative efforts with the United Nations Children's Fund, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Government of Australia and the Department for International Development of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. A new project aimed at strengthening disability statistics, which was launched by the Statistics Division in 2015 with financial support provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, is introduced in the report. The Commission is invited to take note of the report and the future programmes of work contained therein.

Documentation

Joint report of the Secretary-General and the Washington Group on Disability Statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/22](#))

(f) International trade and economic globalization statistics

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Secretary-General on international trade and economic globalization statistics. Pursuant to decision 46/107, adopted at its forty-sixth session, the Commission established an expert group tasked with preparing a handbook on a system of extended international and global accounts. It also created an inter-secretariat working group for the coordination of work in that area. The report provides information on recent developments in the field of international trade and economic globalization statistics, an outline of the handbook and the tentative programmes of work of the expert group and the inter-secretariat working group. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

The Commission will also have before it, for information, the report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on International Trade Statistics, in which the Task Force summarizes the activities it has carried out in response to Commission decision 41/104, adopted by the Commission at its forty-first session, to implement the international recommendations contained in the *Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010*. The Task Force also briefly describes the next steps of the implementation programme, including the establishment of a technical assistance fund, the development of e-learning courses, an inventory of national and international experts, a jointly developed and implemented metadata survey and an extension to the online version of the recently completed compilation guide for the *Manual*. The report also describes analytical work of the various international organizations in the area of trade statistics and the status of the proposed merger between the Task Force on International Merchandise Trade Statistics and the Task Force on Statistics on International Trade in Services. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and economic globalization statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/23](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on International Trade Statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/24](#))

(g) Coordination of statistical programmes

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Secretary-General that summarizes the work undertaken by the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities in 2015, including the main conclusions of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions of the Committee, held in New York on 2 March 2015 and in Bangkok on 1 and 2 October 2015, respectively. The main topics addressed in the report include statistical support for the 2030 Agenda; and the current work of the Committee on strengthening the implementation of the principles governing international statistical activities and big data. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities ([E/CN.3/2016/25](#))

(h) Statistical capacity-building

The Commission will have before it, for information, a report of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS21) and the World Bank on recent initiatives to draw attention to the importance of strengthening statistical capacity, especially in the context of supporting the Sustainable Development Goals. Progress in implementing the Busan Action Plan for Statistics is highlighted in the report, and emerging topics likely to affect national statistical systems such as the data revolution are addressed. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS21) and the World Bank ([E/CN.3/2016/26](#))

(i) Environment statistics

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Secretary-General on environment statistics. The report provides a summary of activities carried out in 2015, including progress made on the implementation of the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES 2013); development in methodological work (including the FDES toolkit); the second meeting of the Expert Group on Environment Statistics; and training and capacity-building provided to regions, subregions and countries. The workplan for the period 2016-2017 is also set out in the report. Since the programme of work includes global collection, compilation and dissemination of environment statistics and indicators, the report provides a summary of the results of the international

collections of environment statistics carried out by the Statistics Division from 1999 to 2013 and conclusions relevant to future work, in particular with regard to the Sustainable Development Goals and the environment; and an outline of a programme of work to improve the regular collection, compilation and dissemination of international environment statistics. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on environment statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/27](#))

(j) Culture statistics

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Institute for Statistics on cultural statistics. The report provides updated information on recent developments in international culture statistics. In particular, the report provides information on the progress of work on the development of the international recommendations and/or guidelines for culture satellite accounts; the launch of a new global survey of cultural employment statistics; and progress achieved in other relevant activities. The report also provides information on the global implementation of the UNESCO 2009 Framework for Cultural Statistics, in particular the recent publication of the 2009 *Framework for Cultural Statistics Handbook* series. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics on cultural statistics ([E/CN.3/2016/28](#))

(k) Price statistics

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices. The report provides an update on recent activities and an outline of the plans of the Ottawa Group. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices ([E/CN.3/2016/29](#))

(l) Statistics for economies based on natural resources

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Ulaanbaatar Group on Statistics for Economies Based on Natural Resources and a background document providing a first draft of the handbook on statistics for economies based on natural resources. The report provides a summary of the operations of the Ulaanbaatar Group in 2015 and information on the Group's current and future programme of work. The Commission is invited to take note of the report and the background document.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ulaanbaatar Group on statistics for economies based on natural resources ([E/CN.3/2016/30](#))

(m) Integration of statistical and geospatial information

The Commission will have before it, for information, the report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information on the activities it has conducted since the forty-sixth session of the Commission. The report provides a summary of the main findings of the second meeting of the Expert Group, held in Lisbon on 24 May 2015, and of a side event held in conjunction with the fifth session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management. Information is also provided on the global statistical geospatial framework, an item under the programme of work of the Expert Group that the Expert Group has worked on since its inception. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information ([E/CN.3/2016/31](#))

(n) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General containing extracts from resolutions, decisions and agreed conclusions of the General Assembly, of the Economic and Social Council or of other functional commissions that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission. The report also contains a description of the actions taken to date by the Statistical Commission and the Statistics Division and those suggested to be taken in response to decisions and mandates by the parent bodies. The Commission may wish to take that information into account in its discussions under relevant agenda items. The Commission is invited to take note of the report.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission ([E/CN.3/2016/32](#))

5. Programme questions (Statistics Division)

The Commission will receive an oral report from the Director of the Statistics Division concerning current activities, plans and priorities.

6. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-eighth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its forty-eighth session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each item. The Commission will also have before it a proposal for the dates of the session. In accordance with a request of the Council (see Council resolution 1999/51), the Commission will have

before it a draft multi-year programme of work for 2016-2020. The Commission is invited to approve the date, provisional agenda and documentation for its forty-eighth session, as well as to approve the multi-year programme of work.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the forty-eighth session of the Commission ([E/CN.3/2016/L.2](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2016-2020 ([E/CN.3/2016/33](#))

7. Report of the Commission on its forty-seventh session

The Commission will have before it the procedural report of the forty-seventh session of the Commission covering organizational matters relating to the Commission's work. The Commission will also have before it an informal paper containing the draft decisions submitted by the Rapporteur.

The Commission is invited to adopt the draft report on its forty-seventh session, which will include the draft decisions and will be submitted to the Council, and to entrust the Rapporteur with streamlining and finalizing it.

Documentation

Draft report of the Commission on its forty-seventh session

Informal paper with draft decisions
