Regarding a publication policy for statistics, the Commission endorsed the relevant activities of the Statistical Office, and decided to consider the matter in 1985 on the basis of a comprehensive report to be prepared by that Office.

**Co-ordination in the UN system**

In 1983, the Statistical Commission endorsed the approach to data collection outlined in a report of the Secretary-General on the co-ordination and integration of international statistical programmes, and asked that special attention be given to reviewing new ad hoc questionnaires for maximizing the use of the data already collected and for limiting the burden on respondents.

The Sub-Committee on Statistical Activities, of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, at its seventeenth session (Paris, 6-10 June 1983) decided that its members should exchange information on how to measure the informal sector, and agreed that co-ordination was needed on social statistics and indicators, especially in relation to the requirements under the major international strategies and plans of action in the social field. It also reviewed co-ordination of statistics on the environment, migration, women, nutrition, urban poverty, tourism and international trade and transport, industrial and energy data, and price statistics, as well as progress on NHSCP and LSMS.

In pursuance of Economic and Social Council decision 1983/119 of May 1983 (see below), the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination held its tenth session at Geneva from 26 to 28 September. The Working Group reviewed the statistical programmes of international organizations, discussed special topics for possible consideration by the Statistical Commission, and considered the co-ordination of statistical data-collection activities.

### ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ACTION

In May 1983, the Economic and Social Council, acting on the recommendation of its First (Economic) Committee, adopted without vote decision 1983/119.

**Report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-second session and provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-third session of the Commission**

At its 14th plenary meeting, on 26 May 1983, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-second session;

(b) Decided that the tenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination should take place at Geneva from 26 to 28 September 1983;

(c) Approved, in accordance with its resolution 1979/41 of 10 May 1979, the provisional agenda for the twenty-third session of the Commission set out below, together with the documentation listed, bearing in mind the views expressed in chapter XIV of the report of the Commission on the work of its twenty-second session, and the need to reduce documentation in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Council.

#### Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-third session of the Statistical Commission

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. Special issues:
   (a) Meeting user needs for international statistics and improving the dissemination of international statistics;
   (b) Future direction of work on social indicators;
   (c) Publication policy for statistics

**Documentation**

Report on the identification of users and the establishment and development of closer contacts between users and producers of international statistics, including the improvement of dissemination of international statistics

Report on the future direction of work, including the related issues of co-ordination, methodological development and the international compilation and dissemination of indicators

Report on the broad aspects of the publication policies of statistical agencies

4. National accounts and balances

**Documentation**

Report on the revision of the System of National Accounts (SNA) and the elaboration of the conceptual framework of SNA and the System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS) comparisons

5. International economic classifications

**Documentation**

Progress report on the harmonization of international economic classifications

Revised draft of the Standard International Trade Classification. Revision 3

Draft revision of the part of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) covering transportable goods-producing activities

Draft of the combined trade/production goods classification

6. Price statistics

**Documentation**

Report on the inter-agency price statistics programme, as well as on phases IV and V of the International Comparison Project (ICP) and the roles of the organizations involved therein

7. Energy and environment statistics

**Documentation**

Report on standards, methods and classifications of energy statistics and on the environment statistics programme, including the methodological work carried out