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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT ON AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE OF THE COMMISSION

At its forty-fifth session, the United Nations Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1376 (XLV), the text of which reads as follows:

Proposed amendment to the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the Economic Commission for Latin America

"The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1281 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 concerning, inter alia, the improvement of procedures for inter-agency consultations on new proposals coming before the Council and its subsidiary organs,

Recommends to the Economic Commission for Latin America and to the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East that they amend their rules of procedure in the following manner:

(a) Insert a new chapter XI, entitled "Consultation with specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency";

(b) Renumber existing chapter XI to become chapter XII. Renumber the following chapters accordingly;

/(c) Insert

(c) Insert a new rule 51, as follows:

"Rule 51

"1. Where an item proposed for the provisional agenda for a session contains a proposal for new activities to be undertaken by the United Nations relating to matters which are direct concern to one or more specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Executive Secretary shall enter into consultation with the agency or agencies concerned and report to the Commission on the means of achieving co-ordinated use of the resources of the respective agencies.

"2. Where a proposal put forward in the course of a meeting for new activities to be undertaken by the United Nations relates to matters which are of direct concern to one or more specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Executive Secretary shall, after such consultation as may be possible with the representatives at the meeting of the other agency or agencies concerned, draw the attention of the meeting to these implications of the proposal.

"3. Before deciding on proposals referred to above, the Commission shall satisfy itself that adequate consultations have taken place with the agencies concerned."

(d) Renumber the following rules accordingly.

1561st plenary meeting,
2 August 1968."

Accordingly, the secretariat suggests that at its thirteenth session the Commission should consider the above recommendation of the Economic and Social Council.

At the same session, the United Nations Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1379 (XLV), the text of which reads as follows:

Summary records of meetings of subsidiary organs of the Council

"The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,^{1/}

^{1/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/6343, paras. 92-104.

Considering the unanimous desire of Member States to reduce both the weight of documentation and the expense of it in the United Nations system,

1. Welcomes the action of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Committee for Development Planning which have decided, in response to General Assembly resolution 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967 and to Council resolution 1264 (XLIII) of 3 August 1967, to dispense with summary records of their meetings;

2. Requests those of its subsidiary organs which have not yet done so, to consider at their next sessions dispensing with such records for their meetings and for those of their own subsidiary bodies in the future; and in this connexion calls to their attention the decision taken by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to replace summary records by shorter minutes, while reserving the right to ask for a summary record in respect of any discussion which required exceptional treatment;

3. Further request the Secretary-General to consider ways and means whereby, in cases where summary records are deemed to be essential, the cost of producing such records can be reduced, and to report to the Council at its forty-sixth session.

1561st plenary meeting,
2 August 1968."

The secretariat suggests that at its thirteenth session the Commission should consider the request made by the Council in operative paragraph 2 of the above resolution.

If the Commission decides to dispense with summary records, as recommended by the Economic and Social Council, it will be necessary to delete rules 46, 47 and 48 of the Commission's rules of procedure.