

INFORMATION SOURCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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International governmental organizations (IGOs) are formed by official agreement between the governments of three or more nation states. Examples of these organizations are the United Nations, its specialized agencies such as UNESCO, the International Labour Organization and the World Health Organization, and regional organizations such as the Council of Europe and the European Communities.

Information about these organizations can be found in the Yearbook of International Organizations, v.1: Organization Descriptions and Index. (Munich, New York: K.G. Saur, Annual). This yearbook covers all international organizations. A small "g" for governmental is placed at the end of the entry number if it is an IGO.

The yearbook gives the name of the principal officer, address, telephone, telex, and occasionally fax number. The aims, structure, activities and membership of the organization are provided, and a few key publications are cited.

Another reference book, more commonly found in libraries, which describes some of the larger IGOs is Europa: World Year Book. (London: Europa Publications Ltd., Annual). Volume one, part one contains descriptions of the various bodies of the United Nations, the specialized agencies such as UNESCO, and other international and regional organizations. The descriptions include address, telephone number, list of members, organizational structure, activities and finance. Part one also includes a

list of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations with the names of the UN Ambassadors, a copy of the UN charter, and a table listing countries and their membership in the UN and its specialized agencies.

Three principal reasons why international documentation is used for research are:

- (1) Source material on the affairs of the organization, such as the basic documents setting up the organization, agreements, conventions, treaties, resolutions, meeting records, and working documents of the meetings.
- (2) Statistical material: Statistical yearbooks and periodicals are published by IGOs from data collected from the national statistical offices of the member countries. Uniform data is collected so that the yearbooks can be used for country comparisons. The year of the data can sometimes vary, depending on when a census was taken. Usually the yearbooks cover only the member countries. However, there can be exceptions. For example, Switzerland, a non-member of the

United Nations and only recently a member of the International Monetary Fund, is included in their year books. There have been changes over the years when China was the UN representative, then Taiwan, then China again. The European Communities data sometimes includes comparisons with the United States and Japan. A selection of statistical yearbooks is given at the end of this article. The Index to International Statistics is an excellent source for finding which statistical publications to use.

- (3) Subject materials: International agencies issue many reports and studies on subject areas with which they work, such as environmental policy, women's affairs, disarmament, energy, nuclear energy, education, literacy, human rights, working conditions, migration, science and technology, and transportation. They provide useful overviews and insight into the subject as a whole and into the progress and

work of individual countries in these areas.

There is no single reference tool that provides access to all international organization publications and documents. The following three sources can be used, along with the individual indexes and catalogs of the agencies.

International Bibliography: Publications of Inter-governmental Organizations. Millwood, NY: Kraus International Publications, 1983-1991. Quarterly. (Ceased publication 1991).

An annotated bibliography covering sales publications and free informational brochures. It is indexed by subject, title and from 1988-1991 by organization. The periodical records section gives the table of contents of many periodicals and news letters. These articles are indexed in the subject index.

Index to International Statistics. Washington, DC: Congressional Information Service, 1983- . Monthly with quarterly and annual

cumulations.

This series covers the statistical publications of IGOs as well as publications that are mostly text, but have 2 or 3 important statistical items. It includes some periodicals that routinely have statistics, as well as UN mimeographed documents which contain statistical data. Entries are indexed by subject, name, geographical area, category, issuing source, title and publication number. Even if one is not looking for statistics, this is a good place to start because of the subject and geographical approach. It is also available as one of the databases on the CD-ROM Statistical Masterfile.

PAIS International in Print. New York, Public Affairs Information Service, 1991- . Monthly with annual cumulations. Continues: PAIS Bulletin and PAIS Foreign Language Index. Includes some publications of international organizations. Also available on CD-ROM.

For more information on international governmental organizations, consult Inter-

national Information: Documents, Publications, and Information Systems of International Governmental Organizations, edited by Peter I. Hajnal. (Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited, Inc., 1988).

UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTATION

There are five categories of UN documentation: periodicals, treaties, sales publications, mimeographed documents and Official Records. The Official Records consist of the final form of the meeting records of the principal bodies, annexes and supplements. Annexes contain the important background documents relevant to the discussion of the agenda items. The supplements contain the resolutions and the reports of main subsidiary bodies and budget and financial reports. There are official records for the General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, Trusteeship Council and the Trade and Development Board of the Conference on Trade and Development.

Many UN publications and documents carry a document series

symbol which helps to identify the item. The symbols for the principal bodies of the UN are:

- A/ General Assembly
- E/ Economic and Social Council
- S/ Security Council
- T/ Trusteeship Council
- ST/ Secretariat

Symbols for several of the subsidiary bodies are:

- CCPR/Human Rights Committee
- CERD/Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- DP/ United Nations Development Programme
- TD/ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- UNEP/United Nations Environment Programme
- WFC/ World Food Council

The document symbols consist of further elements designating whether or not it is an ad hoc committee, commission, conference, governing council, sub-commission or a working group. The user's guide section in UNDOC: Current Index has a

good explanation of the document series symbols.

The sales numbers are another identifying number found in sales publications. These numbers are used for ordering. They are often cited in bibliographies and footnotes.

The Readex Microfiche edition of United Nations Documents and Publications covers most of the mimeographed documents, including the "limited" documents which are sent to depository libraries, and some regional commission documents. The Readex microfiche includes only some of the sales publications, and it does not include any publication that is copyrighted.

Further information on the United Nations and its documentation is found in Guide to United Nations Organizations, Documentation and Publishing for Students, Researchers, Librarians by Peter I. Hajnal. (Dobbs Ferry, NY: Oceana Publications, Inc., 1978).

The two UN depository libraries in Indiana are: the Government Publications Department, Indiana University Library in Bloomington, and the Indiana University School of Law Library in Indianapolis.

The following is a list of

indexes and other sources to help with United Nations research.

UNDOC: Current Index, 1979- .

Quarterly with annual cumulations on microfiche since 1984. Prepared by the UN Dag Hammarskjold Library in New York, it is the printed product of the United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBIS).

It covers the documents and publications issued by UN offices and received by the library. Entries are indexed by personal/corporate name, title and subject. Articles in UN periodicals are also indexed. This series supersedes the earlier titles, UNDEX and United Nations Documents Index.

CD-ROM Index to United Nations Documents and Publications, by Readex.

Updated monthly.

The subscription for 1990 to date is sent free of charge to all libraries subscribing to the complete set of Readex microfiche. This index covers all of the documents and publications reproduced in

the Readex microfiche, as well as many copyrighted items that Readex is not allowed to include in its microfiche. It is important to remember when using this index that it does not include all of the UN documentation that is covered in UNDOC.

Index to proceedings of the General Assembly, 1946- . Annual & Special Sessions.

Index to proceedings of the Economic and Social Council, 1950- . Annual.

Index to proceedings of the Security Council, 1964- . Annual.

Index to proceedings of the Trusteeship Council, 1947- . Annual.

Issued in two parts: subject index and index to speeches by country/corporate name, by speaker and by subject. Voting record charts are provided in the indexes for the General Assembly and the Security Council. These indexes are of particular value to Model United Nations students.

Basic facts about the United Nations. New York: United Nations Department of Public Information. Annual.

This guide to the structure and activities of the United Nations describes the individual programs for economic and social development, human rights, decolonization, and international law. The work of the specialized agencies is also covered.

Everyone's United Nations. New York: United Nations Department of Public Information, 1979- . Irregular.

A basic reference to the work of the United Nations on the topics of peacemaking, peace-keeping, disarmament and economic and social development. Other chapters cover human rights, decolonization, international law. Each edition focuses on a specific period of time.

Continues: Everyman's United Nations.

Issues Before the United Nations General Assembly. New York: United Nations Association of the United States of America. Annual.

Describes the issues which will be discussed at each forthcoming session of the General Assembly. It refers to

some UN documents as well as to articles in the New York Times and other news papers or news releases.

UN Chronicle. New York: United Nations Department of Public Information. 1975- . Quarterly.

Covers recent political news of the United Nations, citing resolutions and documents. Committee action on various topics is summarized and economic and social issues are occasionally discussed. Continues: UN Monthly Chronicle.

United Nations Handbook.

Wellington, New Zealand: Ministry of External Relations and Trade. Annual.

This handbook contains an up-to-date list of all the United Nations bodies and of the specialized agencies. It gives their aims, committee structure and membership. It is an excellent guide to all of the UN organizations.

Yearbook of the United Nations.

New York: United Nations Department of Public Information, 1946/47- . Annual.

The yearbook is a comprehensive, authoritative review of the work of the United Nations, which provides many documentary references. It is very useful for historical research of the U.N. Each volume takes a long time to prepare, and it is about six years behind the current year.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

There is no comprehensive index to the publications and documents of the European communities. Because of the variety of documentation that is issued, it is often difficult to know where to begin to research a topic. Two recent bibliographical guides that provide a good overview of the types of documentation available are: The Documentation of the European Communities: a Guide by Ian Thomson (London: Mansell, 1989) and EC 1992 and Beyond: Access to Information: a Guide to EC Documentation and Databases (Washington, DC: Public Inquires Division, Office of Press and Public Affairs, Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, 1992).

The following is a basic list of sources:

Publications of the European Communities. Luxembourg: Office for Official Publications of the European Community, 1987-. Quarterly, with annual cumulations.

Documents. Luxembourg, 1987-. Monthly, with quarterly and annual cumulations.

Bulletin of the European Communities. Luxembourg, 1968-. Monthly plus supplements.

The Bulletin is the official monthly record of the events, policy actions and activities of the EC. It includes many documentary references. The supplements contain the Commission's programme and other policies presented in a popular format for the public.

Directory of Community Legislation in Force and Other Acts of the Community Institutions. Luxembourg, 1980-. Semi-annual.

Covers regulations, decisions, directives and other legislation such as internal agreements and the agreements between the community and non-member countries. It is indexed by keyword and

chronologically by document number.

European Access. Cambridge, England: Chadwyck-Healey, 1989-. Bi-monthly.

A current awareness guide to the European Communities, edited by Ian Thomson, European Documentation Centre, University of Wales. Each issue contains short articles and commentary on EC policies and other recent developments in Europe, education and R&D funding news, information developments, and recent publications of interest. The second part contains recent references to EC and non-EC documentation arranged by major categories. This periodical began in 1980 and since 1989 has been published by Chadwyck-Healey.

European Documentation. Luxembourg, 1975-. Numbers vary.

Each issue discusses a particular policy or development in the EC and provides an excellent, overall assessment of the topic. The bibliography lists materials for further

reading and cites the important EC documents which led to the formulation of the policy. This is one of the basic research series for studying the European Communities.

European Economy. Luxembourg, 1978-. Quarterly with supplements.

The annual economic report of the EC is published in this journal along with other communications and reports on the economic developments and the economic policy of the EC. The two supplements are: Supplement A: Recent Economic Trends and Supplement B: Business and Consumer Survey Results.

European File. Luxembourg, 1979-. Numbers vary.

Similar to the European Documentation but not as comprehensive.

General Report on the Activities of the European Communities. Luxembourg, 1967-. Annual.

The report reviews each year the activities of the European Communities. Recent vol-

umes have covered the work towards European union, German unification, economic and monetary policy, and completing the internal market. Other topics include industrial strategies and services, research and technology, telecommunications, employment and social policy, education, agriculture, environment, and external relations. It contains many footnotes citing the original documents. It is supplemented by the three reports: Agricultural Situation in the Community, Report on Competition Policy, and Report on Social Developments.

The two EC depositories in Indiana are located in the Government Publications Department of the Indiana University Library in Bloomington, and the Documents Center at the University of Notre Dame.

**SELECTED LIST OF
REFERENCE SOURCES BY
INTERNATIONAL AND
REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS**

GENERAL

Basic Statistics of the Community.

Luxembourg: European Communities Statistical Office, 1961- . Annual.

This pocket-sized handbook gives many statistics about the European Communities and the individual EC countries. For some tables it provides comparisons with other European countries, Canada, Japan, the USA and the USSR. The data is arranged by eight broad topics: general statistics; economy and finance; population and social conditions; energy and industry; agriculture, forestry and fisheries; foreign trade; services and transport; and environment.

Monthly Bulletin of Statistics. New York: United Nations Statistical Office, 1947- . Monthly.

Current population and economic statistics for most countries and territories of the world appear in this series, which helps to update the United Nations Statistical Yearbook. In addition, each issue contains a selection of special tables on a variety of

subjects giving important economic long-term trends and developments.

Nordic Countries, Copenhagen:

Nordic Council, 1991.

This mini-sized handbook is based on data published in the Yearbook of Nordic Statistics. It covers geographical data, temperature, population, vital statistics, energy, trade, traffic accidents, and consumption of alcoholic beverages as well as other data. Request free from Nordic Statistical Secretariat, Postboks 2550, DK-2100 Copenhagen, 0, Denmark.

Statistical Yearbook. New York: United Nations Statistical Office, 1948- . Annual.

This yearbook provides statistical data for over 270 countries and territories on population, agriculture, manufacturing, construction, transport, trade, balance of payments, national income, education and culture. It is the UN equivalent of the Statistical Abstract of the United States.

Statistical Yearbook. Paris:

UNESCO, 1963- . Annual.

A comprehensive yearbook providing statistics on education, educational expenditure, science and technology, libraries, book production, newspapers and other periodicals. Other items include archives, museums and related institutions, film and cinema, radio and television broadcasting, and international trade in printed matter. The information is based on data turned in by the member states.

World Statistics in Brief. New York: United Nations Statistical Office, 1976- . Annual.

This small pocket guide provides a basic set of statistics for countries and regions of the world for businessmen, researchers, students and others in a convenient reference source. The data covers population, economic activity, agriculture and industry, international trade, transport and communications, education, health and nutrition.

Yearbook of Nordic Statistics.

Copenhagen: Nordic Council, 1962-

. Annual.

Statistical tables covering the five Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden are provided in this yearbook. A selection of the topics covered are climate, population, labor, agriculture, fisheries, mines and manufacturing, and energy. Other topics are trade, transport, national accounts, official development assistance, social welfare and public health, crime, education, and cultural life and mass media.

COMMUNICATION

World Communication Report. Paris: UNESCO, 1989.

This report provides information on recent developments in the communication field by the following chapters: communication and development co-operation, communication technology, economic and industrial policies, employment and training, information flow, developments in regulation, and new communication approaches and audiences. Statistics on communication are found

in the concluding chapter.

World Media Handbook. New York: United Nations Department of Public Information, 1990-. Biennial.

Arranged by country, entries include demographic and communication statistics and a short list of newspapers, magazines and other periodicals, news agencies, journalistic associations and educational and training institutions in the field of journalism and mass communication.

Yearbook of Common Carrier Telecommunication Statistics. Geneva: International Telecommunication Union, 1965/74-. Annual.

The statistical data covers the various branches of common carrier telecommunications which are the telephone, telegram, telex and data transmission services. Two pages of data are given for each country which is included. Also available on diskette.

CRIME

International Crime Statistics. Saint Cloud, France: International Criminal Police Organization. 1950-. Biennial.

The statistics reported are based on the crime data collected by the police departments in the ICPO-Interpol member countries. The editors caution that the information given is not intended for use as a basis for comparisons between countries because of the differences that exist between the legal definitions of punishable offenses and of different methods of calculation. The fourteen categories of data included are murder, sex offenses (including rape), rape, serious assault, theft (all kinds of theft), aggravated theft, robbery and violent theft, breaking and entering, theft of motor cars, other thefts, fraud, counterfeit currency offenses, drug offenses, and total number of offenses contained in national crime statistics.

DEMOGRAPHY

Demographic Yearbook. New York: United Nations Statistical Office. 1948-. Annual.

This yearbook is a comprehensive collection of international demographic statistics

covering population by age and sex, infant and maternal mortality, general mortality, and marriage and divorce.

Each volume contains a special topic covering one of these areas in greater depth, such as natality, population trends or mortality statistics.

State of World Population. New York: United Nations Population Fund, 1979- . Annual.

The present world population situation and ways of reducing its rapid growth are discussed, along with problems of meeting the basic needs for the developing countries. Problems of environmental degradation and developing human resources are also studied. Population and social statistics for countries are given in several tables. Request free from United Nations Population Fund, 220 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017.

DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

African Development Indicators.

Washington, DC: International Bank for Reconstruction and Develop-

ment/World Bank, 1992.

A revised and expanded collection of statistics on 52 African countries. The 242 development indicators are grouped into two parts: economic and financial, and social and environmental data. Most of the data presented is for 1980-1990. This title is also available on diskette.

Economic and Social Progress in Latin America. Washington, DC: Inter-American Development Bank, 1961- . Annual.

Beginning with the 1990 edition this publication is now issued by Johns Hopkins University Press in Baltimore, Maryland. Recent economic trends, economic policies and the short and medium-term outlook for each of the Latin American member countries of the Bank are given, along with a one-page statistical profile. Since 1982, the report has also included a section on a special theme.

Europe in Figures. Luxembourg: European Communities Statistical

Office, 1987- . Irregular.

Attractively illustrated with color diagrams of over 30 subjects, this publication provides data on the economic and social situation of the European Communities. It includes comparison data for the United States and Japan.

Human Development Report. New York: United Nations Development Programme, 1990- . Annual.

In order to help emphasize that people must be at the center of all development, the UNDP has produced this annual report of human development indicators. It assembles all available social and human data for each country in a comparable form and discusses the definition and measurement of human development and its progress since 1960. It is published for the United Nations by the Oxford University Press.

OECD Economic Outlook. Paris: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, 1967- . Semi-annual.

Twice a year, in June and December, this report assesses the economic trends, prospects and policies in OECD countries. The economic performance of each member country is discussed. Once a year a separate publication, Historical Statistics, presents historical data from 1960. This series is also available on diskette or magnetic tape.

OECD Economic Surveys. Paris: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. 1961/62- . Annual.

An annual series of economic studies for each OECD member country. Contains discussions of monetary and fiscal policy, recent economic trends and short-term prospects, labor market and wage information, and a statistical appendix. Surveys for Hungary, Poland, and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic have been issued.

Social Indicators of Development. Washington, DC: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/World Bank. 1987- . Annual.

The data provided in this volume helps to assess human welfare in more than 170 countries. Statistics cover population growth, infant mortality, natural resources, access to safe water, income, poverty levels, expenditures for food, housing, fuel and transportation, medical care and education. Each country has two pages of data, which give the most recent estimates, 15-20 years ago and 25-30 years ago. Also available on diskette.

State of the World's Children. New York: United Nations Children's Fund, 1981/82- . Annual.

This report on the situation of children throughout the world concentrates on health, nutrition, education, water and sanitation. It is presented with numerous charts and a section of economic and social statistics with particular reference to children. The 1991 edition contains a copy of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The report is published by Oxford University Press for

UNICEF. Request from UNICEF.

Trends in Developing Economies. Washington, DC: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/World Bank, 1989- . Annual. Presents a 6-page analytic description of recent economic performance and trends for each of the individual developing countries which are World Bank borrowing countries. This volume is designed as a ready reference for researchers who need access to a brief, up-to-date description of the economy of a country.

World Bank Atlas. Washington, DC: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/World Bank, 1966- . Annual.

A useful reference tool that gives population, gross national product and gross national product per capita for 185 countries and territories. Other data provided are daily caloric supply per capita, life expectancy, total fertility, school enrollment, and illiteracy. The data is also shown with maps and charts.

World Development Report. Washington, DC: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/World Bank, 1978- . Annual.

The "World Development Indicators", published in the second part of this report, provides economic and social data on more than 120 countries. The data is arranged by topic: basic indicators, production, fiscal and monetary accounts, trade and balance of payments, external finance, and human resource social data. Under each table the countries are arranged by income level. The first part of the volume discusses the major development issues for that year. The 1992 edition concentrated on development and the environment. The report is published by Oxford University Press for the World Bank. The "World Development Indicators" are also available on diskette.

World Economic Outlook. Washington, DC: International Monetary Fund, 1980- . Semi-annual.

Issued twice a year since 1984, this review of projec-

tions and analysis of world economic developments is prepared by the Staff of the International Monetary Fund. The first section discusses the current situation and short-term prospects. The second and third sections cover the medium-term prospects and policy issues in the industrial countries and in developing countries.

World Economic Survey. New York: United Nations Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, 1954/55- . Annual.

This survey presents a comprehensive analysis of the current world situation and a short-term outlook for the world economy. The information is presented with numerous tables and charts.

World Tables. Washington, DC: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/World Bank, 1976- . Annual.

The 1992 edition provides economic and social statistics for 146 countries. Arranged alphabetically by country there are two double-page spreads reporting annual data

from 1970-1989 and 1990 estimates. Most of the information is economic covering gross national product, gross domestic product at market prices, manufacturing activity, monetary holdings, foreign trade, balance of payments and external debt. The social indicators tables cover fertility rate, infant mortality rate, life expectancy at birth, food production per capita, labor force and primary and secondary school enrollment. It is published by Johns Hopkins University Press for the Bank. This title is also available on diskette.

DISARMAMENT

United Nations Disarmament Yearbook. New York: United Nations Department of Disarmament Affairs, 1976- . Annual.

This yearbook reviews the main developments and negotiations in the field of disarmament, and provides a brief history of the major issues. It covers comprehensive approaches to disarmament, nuclear disarmament, prohibition or restriction of use of other weapons and

conventional disarmament as well as the status of multilateral arms regulations and disarmament agreements.

EDUCATION

Education in OECD Countries: a Compendium of Statistical Information. Paris: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, 1974- . Irregular.

This compendium provides internationally comparable data covering all OECD education systems, so that one country can compare itself with the others and assess common problems more effectively. Part A covers trends from 1975 to 1986 for pupil and student numbers, participation rates, enrollment rates, female participation, private education, teachers, and expenditures. Part B contains the detailed tables of country data arranged by six major topics: pupils, teachers, students, enrollment rates, qualifications and expenditures. The appendix contains a chart showing the duration of the school year for each

country and contains diagrams of the educational systems of each country.

International Yearbook of Education.

Geneva: International Bureau of Education, 1948-1969, 1980- . Annual.

Since 1982, each issue of the yearbook has been devoted to a single topic. The individual titles for the 1989 and 1990 volumes are: Diversification of post-secondary education in relation to employment, and Literacy and illiteracy in the world: situation, trends and prospects. Prior to 1982 the yearbook described the educational systems of various member countries.

ENVIRONMENT

State of the Environment. Paris: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, 1979- . Issued every six years.

This report reviews the environment situation through the following problems: global atmospheric issues, air, inland waters, marine environment, land forest, wild life, solid waste,

and noise. The relationship between economic development and environmental quality in the OECD countries is discussed.

State of the Environment. Nairobi: United Nations Environment Programme, 1977- . Annual.

Sometimes entitled, State of the World Environment, this annual review covers a broad range of environmental issues. Often the report will focus on a selected topic, such as Environment and Health (1986), the Public and the Environment (1988), and Children and the Environment (1990) which was jointly issued with UNICEF.

World Resources. New York: World Resources Institute in collaboration with United Nations Environment Programme and United Nations Development Programme, 1986- . Annual.

This is an excellent reference book on the world environmental situation with individual chapters on food and agriculture, forests and rangelands, wildlife and

habitat, energy, fresh water, oceans and coasts and the atmosphere. Statistical tables are provided for each of these topics along with many references and notes. It is published by Oxford University Press.

FINANCE AND NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Balance of Payments Statistics.

Washington, DC: International Monetary Fund, 1938/47- . Annual.

Contains balance of payments data for approximately 140 countries. Part 1 presents aggregated data as well as detailed data by country. Part 2 provides additional aggregations of area and world totals. About eight years of data are given. Also available on magnetic tape.

Finance and Development. Washington, DC: International Monetary Fund/World Bank, 1964- . Quarterly.

This is a joint publication of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. It contains articles on poverty, environment, developing countries, privatization,

reforms in Eastern Europe and other topics of interest to the work of the IMF and IBRD. A book review section also appears in each issue. Request free from Finance and Development, 700 19th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20431.

Government Finance Statistics.

Washington, DC: International Monetary Fund, 1977- . Annual.

Provides detailed data on revenue, grants, expenditure, lending, financing, and debt of the central governments of 124 countries. Some data is given for state and local governments as a whole, but in less detail. About ten years of data is given in each volume. Also available on magnetic tape.

International Financial Statistics.

Washington, DC: International Monetary Fund, 1948- . Monthly, plus a yearbook.

The monthly issues provide data on exchange rates, international liquidity, money and banking, international transactions, prices, production, government finance and

interest rates for 146 countries and for area and world aggregates. The yearbook provides annual data for these countries for about a 19 year time span. Available on CD-ROM and magnetic tape.

National Accounts Statistics. New York: United Nations Statistical Office, 1957- . Annual.

Now issued in two series, the subtitles are Analysis of Main Aggregates and Main Aggregates and Detailed Tables. A third series was entitled Government Accounts and Tables. The data covers the following information by country: gross domestic product, national income and capital transactions, and government and consumer expenditures. Continues: Yearbook of National Accounts Statistics.

World Debt Tables. Washington, DC: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/World Bank. 1972- . Annual.

Subtitle: External debt of developing countries. Volume one contains the analysis and commentary on recent

developments in international lending to developing countries, along with summary debt tables for 107 countries and selected regions. Volume two contains the detailed tables showing the external debt for each of the 107 countries that report to the Bank's Debtor Reporting System. Also available on diskette and magnetic tape.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
FAO Production Yearbook. Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization, 1958- . Annual.

A comprehensive yearbook covering land use, population, agricultural production of individual crops, livestock numbers and products, food supply, means of production, and prices of various agricultural products. Also available on diskette and magnetic tape.

FAO Quarterly Bulletin of Statistics. Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization, 1988- . Quarterly.

This journal serves to update some of the statistics published in the FAO production

and trade yearbooks. Continues: FAO monthly bulletin of statistics.

FAO Trade Yearbook. Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization, 1958-. Annual.

This yearbook shows the total exports and imports of agricultural products of individual countries by volume and by total value. Also available on diskette or magnetic tape.

Food Outlook. Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization, 1981-. Monthly with annual supplement.

Each monthly issue highlights the global food supply situation. Areas suffering more severely are discussed in separate sections. Data is provided on the trade and production of cereals, wheat, sugar and other products. Numerous tables are found in each issue. The annual statistical supplement provides longer time series of statistical data which have appeared in the monthly issues. Request free from FAO.

State of Food and Agriculture.

Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization, 1947-. Annual.

Presents an annual review of the recent world food and agricultural situation. A review by region is also given. In addition each issue includes a special study of a long range problem. Some of these have been: sustainable development and natural resource management; changing priorities for agricultural science and technology in developing countries; and financing agricultural development.

World Agricultural Statistics: FAO Statistical Pocketbook. Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization, 1983-. Annual.

This small pocketbook provides statistics for each country in a concise form for easy comparison. With one page per country the data covers land use; population; labor force; agricultural, fishery and forestry products; food supply showing calories per day; means of production; and trade in agricultural, fishery and forestry products.

World Food Programme Journal.

Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization, 1987- . Quarterly.

Contains articles on food aid support for the least developed countries, refugees, disaster relief, and various economic and social development projects. Each issue is nicely illustrated with color and black and white photographs. Request free from FAO.

HEALTH

Evaluation of the Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000.

Seventh Report on the World Health Situation, 1978-1984. Geneva:

World Health Organization, 1986-87. 7v.

Volume 1: Global Review 1987.

Volume 2: African Region. 1987.

Volume 3: Region of the Americas. 1986.

Volume 4: South-East Asia Region. 1986.

Volume 5: European Region. 1986.

Volume 6: Eastern Mediterranean Region. 1987.

Volume 7: Western Pacific Region. 1986.

Each regional volume contains a profile of the health

system for various countries within the region and an assessment of the national strategies for attaining "health for all by the year 2000". The global review in volume one analyzes the overall results of the evaluation.

Weekly Epidemiological Record.

Geneva: World Health Organization, 1947- . Weekly.

Published in a bilingual English/French edition each Friday morning, this periodical provides data from national epidemiological reports and documents supplied by the member states of WHO. Priority is given to diseases which threaten international health such as poliomyelitis, AIDS, cholera, malaria, plague, or yellow fever. Other topics such as contaminated food are also covered.

World Health Statistics Annual.

Geneva: World Health Organization, 1962- . Annual.

Each volume provides a global overview of changing trends in health status, a special topic, and vital statis-

tics and life tables. The most extensive section is the detailed causes of death. Many countries are not reported in this series.

World Health Statistics Quarterly.

Geneva, World health organization, 1978- . Quarterly.

Each issue focuses on a selected theme or topic of current interest in public health. Articles and reviews provide statistical data and charts as well as numerous references on the topic.

Data for selected countries are provided.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Human Rights: a Compilation of

International Instruments. New York: United Nations Centre for Human Rights, 1967- . Revised periodically.

This compilation contains the texts of human rights instruments which have been adopted. They are arranged by broad topic, and a list in chronological order by date of adoption appears at the end of the volume. Among the instruments included are

the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons.

INDUSTRY

Handbook of Industrial Statistics.

Vienna: United Nations Industrial Development Organization, 1982- . Biennial.

The statistical data covers the manufacturing sector as a whole, the growth of the manufacturing branches, the consumption of manufactured products, and trade in manufactures. The 1990 edition was published by the Edward Elgar Publishing Co. in Brookfield, VT.

Panorama of EC Industry. Luxembourg: European Communities, 1989- . Annual.

Describing over 165 sectors of the manufacturing and service industries of the EC, this publication covers the present situation and future developments in these industries. It is similar in scope to the U.S. Industrial Outlook.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Direction of Trade Statistics. Washington, DC: International Monetary Fund, 1958/62- . Quarterly, plus a yearbook.

Presents current figures on the value (in millions of U.S. dollars) of exports and imports between trading partners for about 135 countries. Data for world totals and regional areas is shown also. In the quarterly issues data is presented quarterly and monthly. The yearbook gives corresponding annual data for about 160 countries for the last seven years. Individual product data is not included. Also available on magnetic tape.

Foreign Trade by Commodities (Series C). Paris: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, 1961- . Annual.

Covers trade between OECD countries and other countries for commodity groups defined at the 1 and 2 digit levels of the Standard International Trade Classification. The commodities shown at the 3 to 5 digit level are

available in a separate series on microfiche called the OECD Microtables. This microfiche is printed directly from the magnetic tapes. This series is also available on diskette and magnetic tape.

International Trade Statistics Yearbook. New York: United Nations Statistical Office, 1950- . Annual.

Divided into two volumes, this series gives the overall trade for countries and regions by origin and area of destination, and by product. Volume one gives the trade by country, and volume two covers trade by commodity. Continues: Yearbook of International Trade Statistics. The Commodity Trade Statistics (Series D), another title by the Statistical office provides more precise data linking the products that are traded with individual countries.

Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade (Series A). Paris: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, 1983- . Monthly.

This series shows the exports and imports for each OECD country broken down by country of origin and destination, with the value given in U.S. dollars. It does not show products traded between countries. The data is also available on diskette and on magnetic tape. Continues: Statistics of foreign trade.

LABOR

Bulletin of Labour Statistics.

Geneva: International Labour Organization, 1965- . Quarterly.

Presents the most recent statistics on employment, unemployment, hours of work, wages and consumer price indices which have been made available to ILO. Supplements are issued to update the quarterly issues. An annual supplementary volume is published giving the results of the ILO October Inquiry. This inquiry covers wages and hours of work for 159 occupations in 49 industry groups and retail prices for 93 items of food and drink.

Yearbook of Labour Statistics.

Geneva: International Labour Organization, 1935/36- . Annual.

The latest edition of this yearbook presents the principal labor statistics for about 180 countries, areas or territories taken from information gathered by national statistical offices. The data covers economically active population, employment, unemployment, hours of work, labor costs, consumer price indices, occupational injuries, and strikes and lock-outs. Some of the data is updated by the Bulletin of Labour Statistics.

TOURISM

Tourism Policy and International Tourism in OECD Member Countries.

Paris: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, 1955- . Annual.

The development on national tourism policies in OECD countries and recent trends in markets and their implications for tourism are discussed in the first part of this annual. The second part contains the statistical annex

of tourism statistics for each OECD country.

TREATIES, LAWS, REGULATIONS

Annual Review of Population Law.
New York: United Nations Population Fund, 1974- . Annual.

Population laws of various countries and agreements, resolutions and regulations of international governmental agencies are compiled in this series which is now prepared by the Harvard University Law Library. The laws are listed by the following broad topics: general population policy, fertility regulation, marriage regulation, family, children, women, aged, migration and population distribution, health care, education, land tenure and the environment, and census and vital registration.

Copyright Laws and Treaties of the World. Paris: UNESCO, Washington, DC: Bureau of National Affairs, 1956- . Kept up-to-date with supplements.

This is a compilation of the copyright laws, orders, rules,

regulations, conventions and treaties in and between the various countries of the world. It is divided into four main divisions: (1) states, (2) territories, (3) multilateral conventions and (4) Rome Convention Rights.

European Treaty Series. Strasbourg: Council of Europe, 1949- . Issued periodically.

The Council of Europe works to promote legal reform and co-operation between the member states. Various conventions and agreements are drawn up and ratified by these countries and published in this series. Some of these treaties are: European code of Social Security (revised); Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime; Anti-doping Convention, and European Convention on Transfrontier Television.

Food and Agricultural Legislation.
Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization, 1952- . Annual.

Contains a selection of food

and agricultural laws and regulations of the member countries. Depending on the interest of the legislation, the laws are reproduced in full or in summary form. The legislation covers the following topics: agricultural development, plant production and protection, animal production, land and water use, agricultural cooperation, insurance and credit, rural development, trade in agricultural and forest products, fisheries production and handling, wildlife, and environment.

International Digest of Health Legislation. Geneva: World Health Organization, 1948- . Quarterly.

National and international health legislation, studies on current problems in health legislation, a "News and Views" section, a "Book Review" section and a bibliography of current reports and articles make up the contents of this journal. The texts of legislation are reproduced or translated in full or extract form, summarized or *mentioned by their title*

according to their general interest. Some of the topics covered are: disease control, health care facilities, family health, human reproduction and population policies, care of the elderly, mental health, ethical issues, death and dying, environmental protection, and radiation protection.

Labour Law Documents. Geneva: International Labour Organization, 1990- . Three issues/year.

This periodical contains the text of treaties and legislation on labor and social security. It publishes new conventions and recommendations of ILO, other important international instruments and texts of national laws and regulations. It replaces the Legislative series which began in 1919.

Treaty series: Treaties and International Agreements Registered or Filed and Recorded with the Secretariat of the United Nations. New York: United Nations, 1946/47- . Number of volumes varies.

This series contains the texts of treaties and international

agreements between the member countries of the United Nations. They are reproduced in the original languages, with English and French translations where applicable.

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