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A team of European and African statisticians to test
a new form of technical assistance in Togo

The EEC Commission and the Statistical Office of the European Communities have worked out and are to put into practice a new formula for assisting statistical offices in the associated countries.

They will send out to interested countries teams of six to ten young African statisticians who have graduated from the European training centre for statistician-economists from the developing countries, in Paris, together with European supervisors selected by the SOEC. Teamwork in the field is the best way of giving these young statisticians practical training - and this is in fact prescribed as a conclusion to their studies. The experienced European statisticians leading the team will have the double function of directing their younger colleagues' studies and of working out projects in agreement with the statistical offices in the countries they visit.

The task of each team, working in close contact with the national statistical office, will be to gather certain priority statistics which are available but have not yet been widely published because of lack of funds, and to collect the data needed for a medium-term statistical action programme.

The first mission of this kind left for Togo on 16 January 1966.
