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**PROGRAMMES OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL
WORK IN THE ECE REGION, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001:
AN INTEGRATED PRESENTATION**

(Pre-plenary session version)

**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 6
DISSEMINATION AND SUPPORT FOR SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES**

The format of this integrated presentation

1. This is intended to be a fully integrated presentation of international work programmes in the ECE region. That is to say it includes not only the statistical work of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), but also the relevant statistical work carried out in the ECE region by the Commission of the European Communities, OECD, the UN Statistical Division (UNSD), ILO, WHO, IMF, the World Trade Organization (ex GATT), the World Bank, The Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT) and many other agencies. The programmes are presented in six separate documents - one for each domain in the Conference's programme of work - as follows:

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| Programme Activity 1: | Organization and Operation of statistical services (CES/1999/10/Add.1) |
| Programme Activity 2: | Technical infrastructure and other cross-cutting issues (CES/1999/10/Add.2) |
| Programme Activity 3: | Economic statistics (CES/1999/10/Add.3) |
| Programme Activity 4: | Social and demographic statistics |

(CES/1999/10/Add.4)

Programme Activity 5: Environment statistics (CES/1999/10/Add.5)

Programme Activity 6: Dissemination and support for secretariat activities (CES/1999/10/Add.6)

2. The integrated presentation is prepared annually, according to the following timetable:

- i) December-January: The ECE secretariat obtains information from the other organizations on their programmes of work and prepares a first draft of the integrated presentation for review by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians at its February meeting of each year.
- ii) February-May: The integrated presentation is updated and amended to include the Bureau's recommended decisions to the Conference in each field of statistics. This "pre-plenary session version" is presented in draft form for review by the Conference at its annual meeting in June.
- iii) July-August: The integrated presentation is amended to reflect the decisions taken by the Conference at its May meeting concerning its own work programme. This "post-plenary session version" is issued in its final form for the forthcoming two-year period.

3. Thus, the material presented in the six documents referred to above contains updated text that organizations have supplied to the secretariat for inclusion in this updated version of the integrated presentation which was considered by the Conference at its 1998 plenary session. In addition to providing updated information on the planned future work programmes of the different international organizations in different fields of statistics, it lists numerous decisions that the Bureau recommends the Conference take in these fields of statistics, and identifies various issues that the Bureau thought should be brought to the attention of the plenary session.

4. Each programme activity is sub-divided into a number of programme elements, and each programme element is described within the following framework:

OBJECTIVES OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS: Broad aims of national statistical offices for international work in that field over the next several years.

EXPECTED COLLECTIVE OUTPUT IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS: Specific outputs expected by countries in the next two years.

ATTENTION OF THE CONFERENCE IS DRAWN TO THE FOLLOWING: List of issues in

each field of statistics that the Bureau of the Conference considers should be brought to the attention of the Conference at its plenary session.

DECISIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE CES BUREAU TO THE 1999 PLENARY SESSION:

List of decisions on its programme of work recommended to be taken by the Conference at the 1999 plenary session.

MEETINGS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS: Sponsoring agency, title, date.

RAPPORTEUR: International organization that the Conference has recommended be assigned responsibility for preparing short issue- and strategic-oriented reports for the Bureau and for assessing on behalf of the Conference progress towards the objectives and outputs specified for a programme element.

ACTIVITIES AND MEANS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS: Description of the major activities of agencies in that field from mid-June 1999 to June 2001. Information is also given in this section on ECE resource implications for the work to be carried out by the ECE secretariat. The resource implications are classified as follows: minimal (less than 3 work months); moderate (3-6 work months); and substantial (over 6 work months).

Priority menus

5. The "priority menu" summarising the major types of activities the Conference plans to work on during the next two years in all projects in the programme activity is given at the end of this addendum.

List of programme elements in the programme of work of the Conference

6. The list of programme elements in the whole programme of work of the Conference is given in Table 1, together with an indication of the document in which information for that programme element can be found.

Other related information

7. As the Integrated Presentation is being presented in the same format in six separate documents, this explanatory note on the format of the presentation is being reproduced in each of the documents. A separate short document (CES/1999/10) describes the background to the development of the format used here and provides additional information including an explanation of acronyms used.

Table 1. List of programme elements in the programme of work of the Conference (together with an indication of the document in which information for that programme element can be found)

Programme Activity	Programme Element
<u>Programme Activity 1:</u> Organization and Operation of statistical services (See document CES/1999/10/Add.1)	1.1 Promotion and coordination of multilateral statistical work 1.2 Managerial and policy issues of direct concern to presidents of national statistical offices 1.3 Countries in transition in the ECE region 1.4 Relations with countries outside the ECE region (including countries in the Mediterranean region)
<u>Programme Activity 2:</u> Technical infrastructure and other cross-cutting issues (See document CES/1999/10/Add.2)	2.1 Management of information technology infrastructure 2.2 Statistical data collection and processing 2.3 Dissemination and interchange of statistical information 2.4 Statistical classifications 2.5 Statistical research and development 2.6 Geographical and regional data 2.7 Human resource development
<u>Programme Activity 3:</u> Economic statistics (See document CES/1999/10/Add.3)	3.1 Implementation of the system of national accounts 3.2 Money and banking, government finance, and balance of payments 3.3 International trade in goods 3.4 Transport 3.5 Distributive trades 3.6 International trade in services 3.7 Tourism 3.8 Other marketed services, and non-marketed services 3.9 Price statistics, including purchasing power parities 3.10 Agricultural statistics 3.11 Industrial statistics 3.12 Energy statistics 3.13 Science and technology statistics 3.14 Business registers and administrative records in support of economic statistics 3.XX Other work in the field of economic statistics

Programme Activity	Programme Element
<p><u>Programme Activity 4: Social and demographic statistics</u> (See document CES/1999/10/Add.4)</p>	<p>4.1 Social indicators and frameworks 4.2 Gender statistics 4.3 Multi-purpose social surveys 4.4 Registers and administrative records for social and demographic statistics 4.5 Population and housing censuses 4.6 Health statistics 4.7 Crime and criminal justice statistics 4.8 Education and training statistics 4.9 Culture statistics 4.10 Labour statistics 4.11 Demographic statistics (including projections, migration, fertility and families and households) 4.12 Human settlements and housing statistics 4.13 Statistics of household income and expenditures, of the welfare of the population, and of poverty and income inequality 4.14 Statistics on population groups of special interest</p>
<p><u>Programme Activity 5: Environment statistics</u> (See document CES/1999/10/Add.5)</p>	<p>5.1 Sectoral concepts, definitions and classifications 5.2 Environmental accounting 5.3 Environmental databases and reporting</p>
<p><u>Programme Activity 6: Dissemination and support for secretariat activities</u> (See document CES/1999/10/Add.6)</p>	<p>6.1 Coordination of international data collection 6.2 Other statistically-related activities of the ECE secretariat</p>

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 6

DISSEMINATION AND SUPPORT FOR SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

6.1 COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL DATA COLLECTION

Objectives over the next several years:

To coordinate policies of the international organizations involved in the collection of national statistical data which are needed for their economic analysis and publications. To make collected data available to national and international statistical agencies in printed or electronic form. To avoid any inefficient duplication in the data collection activities between international organizations, and to ensure that the burden placed on NSOs in responding to international data requests is kept to a minimum. To implement jointly prepared questionnaires in international data collection. To share data stored in statistical databases which are maintained by international organizations. Further improvement in on-line data capture aiming to improve timeliness of data collection.

Expected collective output in the next two years:

Issuance of statistical publications and products by all the organizations. Improved procedures and tools for improved data collection coordination.

Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following: Nothing

Recommended decisions by the Conference at the 1999 plenary session:

- to approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (See the "Activities and means" section below).

Meetings from July 1999 to June 2001: Not applicable

Rapporteur: Not applicable.

Activities and means from July 1999 to June 2001:

Activities of ECE/CES:

- a) To collect data for and publish in printed and electronic form "Trends in Europe and North America - the Statistical Yearbook of ECE", and to collect annual data from non-OECD/IEA member countries in the field of energy statistics; to prepare the four quarterly issues of the UN/ECE Statistical Journal; and to prepare the annual statistical-oriented publication "World Industrial Robots".
- b) To prepare, in collaboration with Eurostat, OECD, UNSD and other international organizations, an annual report on joint data collection for submission to the plenary session of the Conference.
- c) Information on ECE's statistical publications is available on the ECE Statistical Division's WWW site: <http://www.unece.org/stats/>

Cross reference: Ad Hoc publication on Gender Statistics to be prepared by the ECE Statistical Division and published in year 2000 (See programme element 4.2, CES/1999/10/Add.4).

Secretariat resources: Substantial

Activities of the ECE Economic Analysis Division:

Statistical data on recent economic developments in countries in transition and in traditional market economies are collected in cooperation with the Statistical Division and used for the preparation of three issues per year of the "Economic Survey of Europe".

Activities of the ECE Timber Committee:

- a) Collection and analysis of timber statistics data and their publication in the annual ECE/FAO "Timber Bulletin" which consists of 6 issues per year.
- b) The annual ECE/FAO/Eurostat Forest products questionnaire collects data on production and trade in forest products, world-wide for use by the three organisations, for use in publications as well as a wide range of studies. In 1999 the International Tropical Forest Organisation (ITTO) is joining this arrangement
- c) The ECE/FAO Temperate and Boreal Forest Resource Assessment 2000 will be published in 1999.
- d) In coming years, as resources permit, more data and analysis in a more user friendly format will be made available on the Web site (<http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/tim-fact.htm>).

Activities of the ECE Committee on Human Settlements:

The bi-annual "Bulletin on Housing and Building Statistics for Europe and North America" provides statistical data and information for analysing and monitoring housing policy implementation in the ECE region (trilingual: English/French/Russian).

Activities of the ECE Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development Division:

- a) Steel: Preparation of two annual publications entitled Annual Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe and Statistics of World Trade in Steel. It is also planned to produce annual statistics on iron and steel scrap which are collected from countries and published every two years, and quarterly statistics on production and trade in steel products which are distributed on a quarterly basis to users who have requested to receive them.
- b) Chemical industry: The Chemical Industry - Annual Review is planned to be published on the basis of statistical and other information provided by member States for all major chemical products and areas. It is also envisaged to continue publication of the Annual Bulletin of Trade in Chemical Products.

Activities of the ECE Transport Division (Inland Transport Committee):

- a) Publications: (i) CD-Rom of 1995 Census of Motor Traffic (GIS database,

Arcview project) (January 2000); (ii) Internet Application of 1995 Census of Motor Traffic (using Internet Map Server or a similar software to make data and maps available on-line: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/census95.htm>); (iii) (possible) Publication (hard-copy and electronic version) of other areas of statistical data and maps in GIS context, depending on resources available (1999-2001); (iv) Annual Bulletin on Transport Statistics for Europe and North America, which now includes gender-specific employment in the transport sector, 1999, 2000 editions; (v) Bulletin of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America (1999, 2000, and possibly 2001 editions; (vi) Glossary for Transport Statistics, Third Edition (containing chapters of previous two editions and new chapters on road traffic accidents, urban transport and environmental indicators), expected by end 2000.

b) The Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics is circulated annually to member Governments, in cooperation with ECMT and Eurostat, and data is published for each organizations member Governments in annual or less frequent publications. In the case of ECE this data is published in the Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America (ABTS) cited above.

c) Questionnaire on Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America is circulated annually by ECE to its member countries and is currently NOT collected or compiled by a Common Questionnaire, although coordination on road traffic accident terminology has been undertaken recently in a Task Force on Road Traffic Accidents (convened jointly by ECE /ECMT and Eurostat, see above under meetings).

d) Data collection efforts other than for annual publications: Pilot Questionnaire on Urban Public Transport (results by July 1999), in cooperation with UITP, Eurostat, ECMT; Pilot Survey on Road Vehicle Fleets (Environmental indicators), in cooperation with Eurostat (Environment Statistics) and ECMT.

Activities of OECD:

The OECD collects data which are further used for a wide variety of publications in print, diskette, CD-ROM and on-line. These are often listed in the integrated presentation under the programme elements concerned. The catalogue of OECD Online Bookshop: <http://www.oecd.org>

Activities of Eurostat:

Eurostat works closely with the other international organisations, through the ACC Sub-Committee on Statistical Activities and the Joint Programme Review (which consists of ECE, OECD and Eurostat) to ensure good co-ordination of data collection from Member States and the avoidance of duplication in that area. More joint data collection activities are foreseen in the coming years. However these are sometimes hampered by differing standards being used and timetables of the various organisations.

Eurostat's publications catalogue is available on request. The Eurostat web site is at:

<http://europa.eu.int/eurostat.html>

Activities of other organizations:

UN Statistics Division:

- (a) Implementation (in 1999) of the new questionnaires based on SNA 93 and ESA 95. Since both systems are consistent, an architecture of data sharing among Eurostat, OECD, UNECE and UNSD has been agreed upon, such that each country will receive only one questionnaire. Countries will send the data electronically to one organization identified as focal point for a group of countries but with simultaneous copies to the other organizations interested.
- (b) The UNSD coordinates the collection of demographic statistics with the WHO, EUROSTAT, ILO and the Economic Commission for Europe in order to minimize the reporting burden on the national statistical services and to provide as wide a range of users as possible with access to demographic statistics shown in international statistical publications including the United Nations Demographic Yearbook.

United Nations Industrial development Organization (UNIDO):

- a) The reported industrial statistics will continue to be published in the UNIDO's recurrent publication, International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics. External dissemination of the databases will continue to be made through sales or exchange agreement.
- b) Standardization activities, classifications, guidelines and manuals: UNIDO will continue to encourage national data suppliers to report their data in accordance with ISIC and particularly in its Rev.3, and to adjust to the extent possible deviations from ISIC in order to increase international comparability of data.
- c) Publications, electronic products and on-line databases: the 2000 and 2001 editions of the International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics is planned to be published in 2000 and 2001, respectively. In addition to data dissemination in the form of diskette/tape, dissemination through Internet will be increased.
- d) Co-operation agency: OECD, UN Statistical Division. Data items: number of establishments, total employment, female employment, wages and salaries, output, value added, GFCF, production indexes, imports, exports, apparent consumption.
Type of data: annual. Media: paper questionnaire, diskette, electronic data interchange.
Expected use: publication, databases, research. Accessibility of data: internal and external users.
- e) With respect to data dissemination media, in addition to hard-copy publication and diskette/tape versions, UNIDO will present increasingly selected industrial statistics and indicators through Internet (<http://www.unido.or.at/doc.cfm?did=50215>).

UN Centre for International Crime Prevention (CICP):

- a) Guide on the Development and Analysis of Criminal Justice Statistics in the latter half of 1999. The goal of this publication is to assist developing

countries in the collection, maintenance and analysis of crime and criminal justice data and information.

b) Expansion of the central repository on organized transnational crime. The results of any and all of the research and information gathering activities of the CICP will be entered into a fully-searchable electronic database and made available to requesting parties.

c) A monograph series called ODCCP Studies on Drugs and Crime -- The second issue, a high-level multi-theme publication to be called the "United Nations Journal on Drugs and Crime."

d) ODCCP Studies series: (i) "Global Bibliography of Prisons Systems (GBOPS)", a collection of over 600 citations from more than 30 countries; (ii) results of the Assessment Project --Dangerousness Index and some major organized crime groups

e) In cooperation with UNICRI, the publication of a statement to the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders on "Crime and Justice: meeting the challenges of the twenty-first century."

e) With regard to the electronic dissemination, the amount of data and information contained in UNCJIN (See <http://www.ifs.univie.ac.at/~uncjin/CRTOC/index.htm>) will be expanded

The ILO:

a) Data collected by the ILO from national statistical offices and through national statistical publications are made available in both printed and electronic form. For many years monthly and/or quarterly data on employment, unemployment, hours of work, wages and consumer prices have been transmitted each month from the ILO to the Statistics Division of the UN in New York for inclusion in their "Monthly Bulletin of Statistics". At the same time these data are sent to the ECE, FAO, IMF, OECD, UNIDO and the Statistical Office of the European Communities. Annual data published in the ILO "Yearbook of Labour Statistics" are also transmitted to the UN Statistics Division for additional dissemination in their "Yearbook", thus avoiding unnecessary duplication of international questionnaires. Employment and unemployment data published in the ILO "Bulletin of Labour Statistics" and its Supplements, are sent regularly to the IMF for publication in their "International Financial Statistics" bulletin.

b) Publication of annual employment and unemployment estimates, initially on paper and diskette but later to be disseminated through our Web site (part of the ILO Key Indicators of the Labour Market publication, expected to be released in September 1999).

c) The ILO Yearbook of Labour Statistics and related publications will be more concise and user-friendly, making maximum use of modern technology and available dissemination tools.

d) Publication of "Economically active population 1950-2010" providing estimates and projections of activity rates by sex and age group, and estimates of the distribution of the economically active population by sex and by major sector of economic activity, for each country or territory which

had 200,000 inhabitants or more in 1990 (covering *Gaza Strip*, all newly established countries of the Former Soviet Union as well as the Czech Republic and Slovakia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Slovenia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) -- available as a set of diskettes, in ASCII format.

The World Bank: The Bank releases two annual publications in hard copy and on CD-ROM, World Development Indicators and Global Development Finance. The World Bank Atlas is distributed in hard copy. Selected indicators from the World Development Indicators also appear in the World Development Report (annual). Selected tables for the World Bank's publication are available on the Bank's website (<http://www.worldbank.org>).

International Monetary Fund (IMF):

- a) Databases available to subscribers on CD-ROM relate to the following publications: "International Financial Statistics", "International Financial Statistics Yearbook", "Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook", "Government Finance Statistics Yearbook" and "Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook". A windows browser facility will be added to these CD-ROMs (from May, 1999).
- b) The IMF plans to put on its Web site the joint BIS, IMF, OECD, World Bank statistics on external debt (from March 1999).

WHO Regional Office for Europe:

The statistical "Health for All" database is updated annually and placed on Internet or, on request, mailed on diskette. An online Internet version is now available. Detailed mortality and population data reported by European Member States are published annually by WHO headquarters as part of the global issue of the World Health Statistics Annual. Concise standardized descriptions of the health status and health-related situation in a particular country with graphical presentation of data, known as "Highlights on Health", are issued and disseminated as paper copies and as a hypertext document through Internet.

The report on "Health in Europe" is published every three years and also available as a hypertext documents on Internet (<http://www.who.dk/>).

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW):

Publication of a Report of the national time-use survey conducted in the Dominican Republic, entitled "Time-Use by Women and Men in the Dominican Republic" in the third quarter of 1999.

World Trade Organization (WTO):

- a) Press Release, assessment of previous year trade in merchandise and commercial services, including prospects for the current year -- statistical tables depicting on merchandise exports and imports for the world and selected country groups in value and volume, as well as total exports and imports of major individual countries for merchandise and commercial services in value terms, Frequency: annual (March), languages: English, French, and

Spanish.

b) Annual Report on International Trade Statistics, detailed statistical information on trade in merchandise and commercial services for the previous year, as well as a number of long-term time-series, media: printed publication and CD-ROM, frequency: annual (December for the publication and February for the CD-ROM), languages: English, French, and Spanish.

c) Integrated Database (IDB), submissions by member countries comprising imports and tariffs for year $n-1$, tariffs for year n and reference information and national tariff correlations. National tariff correlation tables are furnished by Members showing differences between the tariff nomenclatures for year n and year $n-1$ where the nomenclature changed. For tariffs, the current MFN bound duties and the current MFN applied duties should be provided. Other duties can be provided on a voluntary basis. Tariffs and imports should be provided at the level of customs tariffs lines.

For a given year, the imports nomenclature should match the tariff nomenclature. For the time being the information is confidential.

d) Statistical Database (SDB), time-series starting from 1980 on exports and imports of commercial services and goods, according to the balance-of-payments definitions. It is intended to broaden its coverage by progressively adding information on trade in merchandise, foreign direct investment and foreign affiliates trade. For the time being the database is restricted to internal use.

Additional information on publications and electronic products may be found on the WTO web site (<http://www.wto.org/wto/publicat/publicat.htm>), while selected merchandise trade statistics may be accessed through <http://www.wto.org/wto/statis/stat.htm>.

The FAO:

a) Collection analysis and dissemination of fisheries statistics comprising total capture fisheries production, aquaculture production in tonnes and value in dollars, commodity production, fleet and fishers; updated annually. This information will be made available as a windows version of all databases (called FISTSTAT PLUS) as a downloadable database and on the Web site

(<http://www.fao.org/waicent/faoinfo/fishery/statist/fisoft/fisoftoc/.htm>)

b) The databases are also disseminated on diskettes for PCs.

c) FAO corporate dissemination system (FAOSTAT) on the worldwide web covering agriculture, nutrition, fisheries, and forestry (<http://apps.fao.org/>).

d) The FAO Fisheries Global Information System (FIGIS) a new project launched which will target the integration of information in marine/ inland fisheries and aquaculture, to support FAO's role in analysing global fisheries issues and reporting on resource status and trends. The system will integrate all statistical databases and will incorporate such diverse information domains as biology, technology, trade and fish utilisation, fisheries policy and management. The information will be made available on the Internet.

Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States:

Statistical compendiums and handbooks to be published in 1999: statistical and information bulletins, "Short-term indicators of the economies of countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States" (twice yearly), the statistical yearbook "Commonwealth of Independent States in 1998" (Russian-English), the short handbook "Commonwealth of Independent States in 1998" (Russian-English), "Commonwealth of Independent States 1999" in a statistical portrait (Russian-English), "Foreign economic activities of countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States", "Investment, finances and prices in countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States", "Main macroeconomic indicators of countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States" and "Labour market in countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States". All these publications are available on diskette.

Access is provided 24 hours a day to the "statistics" database, which contains monthly, quarterly and annual data on CIS countries. It includes information on macroeconomic indicators, population and employment, output of the main types of industrial and agricultural products, domestic trade prices, the foreign economic activities of Commonwealth States, national currency rates, income and expenditure of the population, social conditions, the state of the environment, etc. The "Statistics" database is also available on diskette.

The fourth version of the CD-ROM "Official statistics of countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States" (Russian and English) will be issued in 1999. In addition, aggregated data for the CIS countries and essential information about CIS-STAT's publications, electronic products and other information services can be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.unece.org/stats/cisstat>.

UNESCO:

- a) Publications: (i) Statistical information on education, culture, science and technology and communication is published in the UNESCO Statistical Yearbook, special statistical reports and similar documents; (ii) maintenance of the WWW site (<http://unescostat.unesco.org>).
- b) Common UNESCO/OECD/Eurostat data collection programme on education statistics to investigate: (i) enrolment, graduates and teaching staff; and (ii) expenditure for or of educational institutions.
- c) Joint UNESCO/Eurostat data collection on culture statistics to collect data in the field of library statistics (with possible extension to other areas).
- d) Collection, in reduced scale (every second or third year), of data book publishing, press, libraries, museums, films and cinemas and broadcasting receivers.

International Organization for Migration (IOM):

- a) Publication of statistics of IOM-managed migrant movements on IOM's Website.
- b) Migration in Central and Eastern European Countries: 1999 Review, first

published by IOM/ICMPD (the Vienna based International Centre for Migration Policy Development) in March 1999. This is a new annual report which reviews trends in migration in 15 CEE countries, and discusses latest policy developments. The first report deals with 4 special issues: the Migration Implications of the Kosovo Crisis; Trafficking in Women from the CEECs to Germany; Extending EU Borders Eastwards and Technical Assistance for the CEECs; and a chapter entitled Towards a European Visa Regime. The report will over the next few years closely monitor changes in migration in the CEE region as many of these countries prepare for EU membership.

c) Three studies on Migrant Trafficking in Poland, Ukraine and Hungary have been completed and will be published in mid-1999. Each study is based on extensive interviews with i) agencies dealing with the problem of trafficking in each country and ii) with a sample of migrants.

d) A study of Migration Potential in Central and Eastern Europe based on a survey of 11 CEE countries was completed and published by IOM in 1998. A follow-up study may be conducted in the year 2000.

World Tourism Organisation (WTO):

a) "Yearbook of tourism Statistics" providing a summary of world and regional trends on tourism movements and detailed country statistics.

b) "Compendium of tourism statistics" -- 34 selected series on 200 countries and territories; background information on world and regional trends;

c) "Barometer on travel and tourism" -- monthly data on arrivals, overnight stays and receipts for the current year in the major international tourism countries and current trends from eleven generating markets.

d) Revision and update of the "Tourism Economic Report".

e) "Domestic tourism" -- compilation of data on domestic tourism.

f) "Guide to national holiday survey in the various regions of the world" monitoring and assessment of domestic travel patterns in both developed and developing countries.

g) Provision of an Ad Hoc statistics to support the planning and decision making of national tourism administrations and the private sector.

h) Data dissemination in machine-readable form: (i) WTO tourism statistics; (ii) computerised database on tourism statistics; (iii) dissemination of tourism statistics on diskettes and CD-ROM.

i) "Tourism Market Trends" (Africa, Americas, East Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Middle East, and South Asia)

j) "Highlights" -- initial estimated results of international tourism for the current year.

k) Publications dealing with the effectiveness and returns of advertising and promotional activities: "Budgets of National Tourism Administrations"; "Efficiency on promotional marketing campaigns"; and reports on comparative tourism marketing practices.

Council of Europe:

a) Annual publication of the report "Recent Demographic Developments in

Europe" concerning 46 European countries.

b) Coordination with Eurostat concerning the collection of data from National Statistical Offices is in progress.

c) Website comprising the Demographic Report is being prepared.

d) Ad hoc publication on "The demographic characteristics of national minorities in certain European countries", the first volume published in 1998 concerned the following countries: Hungary, Romania, the Slovak Republic and Northern Ireland. The second volume concerning Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Switzerland and Roma/Gypsies will be published in 1999.

e) A synthesis on "Internal migration and regional population dynamics in Europe" will be published in 1999 on paper as well as a CD-Rom with ten case studies concerning the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania and the United Kingdom.

f) A study on "Demographic trends and the labour market" will be published in 1999.

g) A study on "Fertility and new types of households and family formation in Europe", based inter alia on the Family and Fertility Surveys carried out by UN/ECE, is being prepared and will probably be published in 2000.

6.2 OTHER STATISTICALLY-RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THE ECE SECRETARIAT

Objectives over the next several years:

For ECE, to collect statistical data and to provide other statistical support needed for the ECE's economic analysis. To develop and maintain a statistical database for this purpose with emphasis on countries under the transition process. To provide statistical services to other ECE divisions.

Further develop electronic data interchange between national statistical offices and the ECE secretariat based on international standards developed within the Western European EDIFACT Board.

Expected collective output in the next two years:

For ECE, database on macroeconomic data from market economy countries and countries in transition; operational network for EDI collection of macroeconomic data from market economy and transition countries; periodic progress reports to the CES plenary sessions.

Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following: Nothing

Recommended decisions by the Conference at the 1999 plenary session:

- to approve the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (See the "Activities and means" section below).

Meetings from July 1999 to June 2001: Not applicable

Rapporteur: Not applicable.

Activities and means from July 1999 to June 2001:

Activities of ECE:

To develop, in full coordination with all existing international macroeconomic data bases, a system for collecting macroeconomic data from transition and market economy countries for the preparation of the three issues of the "Economic Survey of Europe" in a manner which minimizes duplication with other international organizations involved;

To develop and maintain an ECE statistical macroeconomic database on transition and market economy countries, and to make it available to ECE's internal and external users.

Secretariat resources: Substantial.

ANNEX

**Priority menu of the CES for 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 in subprogramme 6
(Dissemination and support for secretariat activities)**

a) July 1999 -June 2000

WORK PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS PRIORITY MENU FOR 1999/2000			
Programme element	Substantive action required of the ECE secretariat	Major coordination required	Output for the plenary session 2000
6.1 Coordination of international data collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual collection in the field of energy. Preparation of Trends in Europe and North America (the UN/ECE Statistical Yearbook) - - Preparation of the UN/ECE Statistical Journal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eurostat, OECD/IEA, UNSD as required - UNSD - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Annual publication 4 issues of Statistical Journal per year
6.2 Other statistically-related activities of the ECE secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of statistical tables and analysis as required - Collection of macroeconomic data from transition countries - Maintenance of the database on macroeconomic statistics for transition countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eurostat, OECD, UNSD, CIS STAT, other ECE PSBs - OECD, ILO, IMF, UNIDO, UNSD, CIS STAT - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress report (to the CES Bureau) - Progress report (to the CES Bureau) -

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Programme element	Substantive action required of the ECE secretariat	Major coordination required	Output for the plenary session 2001
6.1 Coordination of international data collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual collections in the field of energy. - Preparation of Trends in Europe and North America (the UN/ECE Statistical Yearbook) - Preparation of the UN/ECE Statistical Journal 	Eurostat, OECD/IEA, UNSD as required - UNSD -	- - Annual publication 4 issues of Statistical Journal per year
6.2 Other statistically-related activities of the ECE secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of statistical tables and analysis as required - Collection of macroeconomic data from transition countries - Maintenance of the database on macroeconomic statistics for transition countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eurostat, OECD, UNSD, CIS STAT, other ECE PSBs - OECD, ILO, IMF, UNIDO, UNSD, CIS STAT - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress report (to the CES Bureau) - Progress report (to the CES Bureau)
