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Joint UNECE/Eurostat seminar on business registers  
(Geneva, 19-20 February 1998)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE JOINT UN/ECE-EUROSTAT SEMINAR ON BUSINESS REGISTERS**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on 19 February 1998 at  
9:30 a.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Points for information by ECE (a) and Eurostat (b to e)
  - a) information about the seminar on statistical nomenclatures (Geneva, April 1997);
  - b) information about meetings on business registers organised by Eurostat since the last Joint ECE/Eurostat meeting on business registers;
  - c) Manual of recommendations on business registers;
  - d) Set of cases on statistical units developed for business registers;
  - e) Development of quality norms for business registers.
4. Current situation of business registers in member countries
  - a) results of Eurostat survey on the implementation of the EU Regulation on business registers and development of so-called identity cards;
  - b) summary of the ECE survey resulting in similar identity cards.
5. Development of business registers in transition countries
  - a) assessment of technical assistance in the field of business registers;
  - b) discussion of the future needs of transition countries in the field of business registers.
6. Techniques used for ensuring adequate coverage and quality of business registers (including enterprise panels and area frames);
  - a) report on the CEC Enterprise Panel Project;
  - b) business register quality survey - Danish experience.
7. Methodological topics and problems in development of Business Registers;
8. The role of business registers in the production of macro-economic information and their relevance for national accounts in transition countries;

9. Seminar/training course on statistical units for business registers and use of business registers as coordinated survey tool;
  - a) discussion of the recommendations made by the Seminar on statistical nomenclatures;
  - b) presentation of the draft course description.
10. Future work
11. Other business
12. Adoption of the report