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**Joint UNECE/ILO Meeting  
on Consumer Price Indices  
(Geneva, 4-5 December 2003)**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting on 4 December 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Information items:
  - Report by the ILO
  - Update of the work by the Ottawa Group
  - Report by the IMF
  - Report by Eurostat
  - Report by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics (IWGPS) and the Technical Expert Group for updating the Manual on CPI (TEG-CPI), including the presentation of the Manual
4. Owner occupied housing
5. Families of indices for different purposes
6. Data quality: weights
7. Sampling and quality adjustment

8. Seasonality and seasonal adjustment
9. Financial services (including report from the May 2003 Ottawa Group Meeting)
10. Future work
11. Other business
12. Adoption of the report

Provisional timetable and notes on the items of the agenda

The meeting on Consumer Price Indices is convened jointly by UNECE and ILO pursuant to the decision of the Conference of European Statisticians taken at its fiftieth plenary session, in June 2002 (see report of the session ECE/CES/62 and CES/2002/32/Add.3).

**THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER**

**10.00-10.10** Items 1 and 2:

**10.10-10.40** Item 3:                    INFORMATION ITEMS

Information will be provided on the following events and activities:

- Report by the ILO, including information on the discussions and decisions taken at the 17th ICLS (November-December 2003), and the newly adopted Resolution on CPI
- Update of the work by the Ottawa Group
- Report by the IMF
- Report by Eurostat

**10.40-10.50** **Coffee break**

**10.50-11.50** Item 3:                    INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

- Report by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics (IWGPS) and the Technical Expert Group for updating the Manual on CPI (TEG-CPI), including the presentation of the Manual

Item 4: OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING

**11.50-12.00 Discussant:** Ms. Diane Ramsay, New Zealand

**12.00-12.20 Invited paper 1:** A harmonized price index for owner occupied housing – experiences from the Eurostat pilot study

**Author:** Eurostat

**12.20-12.40 Invited paper 2:** Owner occupied housing: market price approach to user cost

**Author:** Mr. Rosmundur Gudnason, Statistics Iceland

**12.40-13.00 Invited paper 3:** Swedish re-considerations of user-cost approaches to owner occupied housing

**Author:** Mr. Martin Ribe, Statistics Sweden

**13.00-15.00 Lunch**

Item 4: OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING (cont.)

**15.00-15.45 Discussions and comments on invited and contributed papers**

**15.45-16.15 Item 10: FUTURE WORK**

Based on a proposal developed by the CPI Steering Group the meeting will discuss and agree on future ECE work in consumer price indices and on agenda of a possible future 2005 Joint ECE/ILO Meeting on CPI. The Secretariat will submit proposals on the basis of country suggestions and on the discussions as the meeting proceeds for the approval of the Conference of European Statisticians.

**16.15-16.30 Coffee break**

Item 5: FAMILIES OF INDICES FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES

**16.30-16.40 Discussant:** Mr. Kimberly Zieschang, IMF

**16.40-17.00 Invited paper 4:** Data systems for the compilation of regional price indices in Poland

**Author:** Ms. Alina Gluchowska, Central Statistical Office of Poland

**17.00-17.20 Invited paper 5:** Families of indices for different purposes

**Authors:** Mr. Luigi Biggeri and Ms. Laura Leoni, ISTAT

**17.20-18.00 Discussions and comments on invited and contributed papers**

**FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER**

Item 6:                    DATA QUALITY: WEIGHTS

**09.30-09.40 Discussant:**        Mr.Timo Koskimaki, Statistics Finland

**09.40-10.00 Invited paper 6:** Weight updates and CPI revision policy  
**Author:**                    Mr.Kimberly Zieschang, IMF

**10.00-10.20 Invited paper 7:** (title to be decided)  
**Author:**                    Statistics Canada

**10.20-10.50 Discussions and comments on invited and contributed papers**

**10.50-11.10 Coffee break**

Item 7:                    SAMPLING AND QUALITY ADJUSTMENT

**11.10-11.20 Discussant:**        Mr.Paul Haschka, Statistics Austria

**11.20-11.40 Invited paper 8:** Apparel hedonic regression models, improvements after more than a decade of use in the U.S. consumer price index  
**Author:**                    Ms. Nicole Rope, BLS, United States

**11.40-12.00 Invited paper 9:** Sampling and quality adjustment using scanner data - study and implementation in Japan  
**Author:**                    Mr. Nobuyuki Sakashita, Japan

**12.00-12.30 Discussions and comments on invited and contributed papers**

**12.30-14.30 Lunch**

Item 8:                    SEASONALITY AND SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

**14.30-14.40 Discussant:**        Mr. Thierry Lacroix, INSEE, France

**14.40-15.00 Invited paper 10:** Treatment of Seasonal Items in Consumer Price Indices  
**Author:**                    Mr. Yoel Finkel, Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel

**15.00-15.20 Invited paper 11:** Consumer price indices: the application of seasonal adjustment and its use as an analytical tool  
**Author:**                    Mr. David Fenwick, ONS, United Kingdom

**15.20-15.50 Discussions and comments on invited and contributed papers**

**15.50-16.10 Coffee break**

Item 9:                    FINANCIAL SERVICES

**16.10-16.20 Discussant:**        Mr. Peter Hill, United Kingdom

**16.20-16.40 Invited paper 12:** Banking services and the Australian CPI  
**Author:**                    Mr. Paul McCarthy, Australian Bureau of Statistics

**16.40-16.50** Report from the May 2003 Ottawa Group Meeting  
Mr. Thierry Lacroix, INSEE, France

**16.50-17.10 Discussions and comments on invited and contributed papers**

**17.10-17.20** Item 11:                    OTHER BUSINESS

**17.20-17.30** Item 12:                    ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

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