INFORMATION NOTICE

I. TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING

At the invitation of the National Institute of Statistics of Italy (ISTAT), the Work Session on Gender Statistics this year will be held in Orvieto (about 1:15 h. by train from Rome), Italy, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 11 October 2000. The meeting is scheduled to finish on Friday, 13 October at 4 p.m. The place of the meeting will be: Palazzo del Capitano del Popolo, Piazza del Capitano del Popolo, Orvieto.

II. MEETING PROGRAMME

Four sessions of varying length are planned. The time allocated to each session will be determined by the number of discussion papers submitted to the Secretariat before the meeting. Some time will also be set aside for discussing i) progress in the collection of national and international gender statistics and ii) relevant outcome of the Social Summit 2000 (June) for gender statistics and monitoring.

The following topics will be discussed at the meeting:

(i) identification of national priority gender issues and the statistics needed for the implementation and evaluation of policies and programmes, with special focus on gender sensitive indicators and broader gender equality indices;

(ii) gender differences in formal and informal education, use and access to new technologies. Consequences for labour market access, career and earnings;

(iii) gender dimension of ageing populations in terms of differences in health, care needs and responsibilities, economic participation and income;

(iv) role of women and men in decision-making processes: changes in their participation in political life, business and other influential positions in the public sphere.

On the final day, future work of the Conference of European Statisticians, in the field of Gender statistics, will be discussed. Participants are asked to prepare proposals for the next meeting of experts.
III. DOCUMENTATION AND WORKING LANGUAGE

As a work session, the meeting will be conducted in English without official interpretation into French and Russian. However, if we get a sufficient number of Russian speaking participants, we shall try to organise interpretation into Russian. The papers, however, will not be translated and should therefore, if possible, be submitted in English. Discussion documents prepared in one of the other official languages of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (French and Russian) should be accompanied by a short summary in English. Documents for the Work Session should be submitted to the UN/ECE in electronic form (Microsoft Word, WordPerfect or RTF formats), preferably by e-mail to: lene.mikkelsen@unece.org

Discussion documents should reach the UN/ECE secretariat before Saturday, 26 August in order to guarantee their processing, reproduction, and dissemination before the meeting.

Meeting documentation will only be forwarded by mail to participants who request so on the registration form. From September onwards the discussion documents will also be available on the UN/ECE Web site at: http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2000.10.gender.htm

IV. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

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Prices are in Italian lire and include breakfast and taxes. Prices in US dollars are approximate and may vary depending on the exchange rate. NOTE: Participants are advised to book accommodation as early as possible.

V. ORGANISERS OF THE MEETING

All queries to the organisers should be addressed to:

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VI. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Train connections between Rome (Fiumicino Airport) and Orvieto

From the train station of the Fiumicino Airport to Roma Termini (the central rail station) there are direct trains every 30 minutes, from 7:37 to 22:37. The travel takes 30 minutes and costs 16,000 Italian lire (approximately 8 US dollars).

The travel from Roma Termini to Orvieto takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. The ticket costs between 12,500 and 17,100 Italian lire (approximately between 6 and 8 US dollars) depending on the train.

Following is the timetable of the trains connecting Roma Termini and Orvieto. This timetable is given for reference but is subject to changes, therefore we invite the participants to contact their travel agency for the official timetable.

from ROMA-TERMINI to ORVIETO:

from ORVIETO to ROMA-TERMINI:

In Orvieto, a cable car (in Italian “funicolare”) leaves every 15 minutes from the square of the railway station to the city. A bus service leaves from the arrival of the cable car and takes you in a few minutes to the centre of Orvieto, where all hotels are located. A single ticket can be bought at the cost of 1,600 Italian lire (approximately one US dollar) which includes both the cable car and the bus.

VII. VISA INFORMATION

Persons requiring an entry visa should obtain this from the diplomatic representation of Italy in their country of residence as early as possible. Visa applications should refer to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Work Session on Gender Statistics, Orvieto, 11-13 October, 2000).

VIII. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

A social programme will be announced later and forwarded to registered participants.
IX. BACK-TO-BACK WORKSHOP

Together with UNDP we are currently planning to have a two-day workshop preceding the Gender Statistics meeting with focus on transition countries. Information about the workshop will be forwarded to you later.
MEETING AND HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

for the UN/ECE Work Session on
Gender Statistics
(Orvieto, Italy, 11-13 October, 2000)

This form should be filled in duplicate by each participant and returned by 15 July, 2000 as follows:

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Kindly complete the form in typing or in block letters.

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2. First name ..............................................................................................

3. Nationality ..............................................................................................

4. Title/post held ...........................................................................................

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6. Personal address....................................................................................... 

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7. Credit card…………………………n° …………………….. date of expire……………………..

8. Arrival in Orvieto (date/time) .................................................................

9. Departure from Orvieto (day/time) ..........................................................

10. Total number of nights in hotel.............
11. Accompanying persons (please specify number) .................................................................

I book one room from ......../......./....... to ......../......./....... in the Hotel . ......................
(Rooms cannot be guaranteed for late reservations)
Single room:
Double room:

Date .............................................. Signature .................................................................