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**Election of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians****Election of the Bureau of the Conference for the 2011/2012  
and 2012/2013 period****Note by the secretariat***Summary*

In accordance with the Rules governing the work of the Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau (see ECE/CES/2007/8), the Conference elects its Bureau for a period of two years. The current term of all members of the Bureau of the Conference expires at the closing of the 2011 plenary session, on 16 June 2011. At the 2011 plenary session elections for a Chair and for the Vice-Chairs will be held for the two-year period from June 2011 to June 2013.

The present note explains the procedure for the elections of the new Bureau. The elections will be carried out on 16 June 2011 under item 13 of the agenda, based on the proposal of the most senior previous Chairman of the Conference present at the plenary session.

1. The current term of all members of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) expires at the closing of the 2011 plenary session, on 16 June 2011. At the 2011 plenary session, elections for a Chair and for the Vice-Chairs will be held for the two-year period from June 2011 to June 2013.

2. The elections of the Bureau are governed by the rules adopted by the Conference at its 1991 plenary session and reconfirmed with minor amendments in 2005. These rules are provided in the document ECE/CES/2007/8.

3. As explained in paragraph 13 (a) of the Rules governing the work of the Conference and its Bureau (see ECE/CES/2007/8), “any member of the Conference is eligible for membership in the Bureau of the Conference”. A member in the Conference is defined in the Rules, paragraph 5, as “the Head of the statistical service of any member country of the United Nations that participates regularly in the work of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe”.

4. It is thus possible for the Head of the statistical service of a country outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) region to be a member of the Conference, and to be elected to its Bureau. According to the Rules, paragraph 13 (b), the size of the Bureau can be up to 8 members, of whom 6 members should be from countries in the UNECE region and the remaining one or two could potentially be from countries in other regions.

5. The Bureau currently consists of the following persons, who were elected at the 2009 plenary session, or co-opted in 2010 to replace Bureau members who left the post of the Head of office and could no longer serve on the Bureau:

Chairman: Ms. H. Jeskanen-Sundström (Finland), second term as the Chairman, third term as a Bureau member

Vice-Chairs: Mr. B. Pink (Australia), second term

Mr. E. Pereira Nunes (Brazil), third term

Mr. G. O’Hanlon (Ireland), second term

Ms. I. Krizman (Slovenia), first term

Mr. O. Osaulenko (Ukraine), first term

Ms. K. Wallman (United States), (since autumn 2010, co-opted to replace Mr. M. Sheikh)

6. Two Bureau members left the Bureau before their terms had expired: Mr. M. Sheikh (Canada) after his resignation from Statistics Canada in July 2010 and Mr. O. Olsen (Norway) who was appointed Governor of the Central Bank of Norway effective 1 January 2011. Ms. K. Wallman was co-opted to replace Mr. M. Sheikh in November 2010. Mr. O. Olsen has not been replaced, which has left the Bureau currently with 7 members instead of 8.

7. According to the Rules paragraph 16 (c), the “Chairman of the Conference may be re-elected once. Any previous Chairman may be re-elected Chairman after an interruption of at least two years”. The current Chairman has served two terms, and therefore, Ms. H. Jeskanen-Sundström cannot be re-elected as a Chairman of the Conference. She can, however, be re-elected as a Bureau member.

8. According to the Rules paragraph 15 (d), “Bureau members can be elected to four successive Bureaus” and “any previous Bureau member can be re-elected to the Bureau after an interruption of at least two years”. Therefore, all Vice-Chairs of the current Bureau whose term of office expires in June of 2009, as well as all members of the Conference who

previously served as Chairs or Vice-Chairs, are eligible to be re-elected as members of the Bureau.

9. There are no formal nominations for Bureau membership. Paragraph 15 (a) of the Rules provides for the elections to the Bureau to be organized by "the most senior previous Chairman of the Conference present at the plenary session concerned". Ms. K. Wallman, Chief Statistician of the United States, is the most senior previous Chairman of the Conference and therefore she will organize the elections of the Bureau. The proposal will be prepared in consultation with all the CES members, so that "it maximises the chances of being adopted by consensus" (paragraph 15 (a) of the Rules).

10. Elections for the Chair and Vice-Chairs for a period of two years will be held on Thursday, 16 June 2011 under item 13 of the CES plenary session agenda.

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