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**CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDICATORS TO
MONITOR THE INTEGRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH ASPECTS
INTO TRANSPORT POLICIES, AND THEIR IMPACTS ON HEALTH AND THE
ENVIRONMENT¹**

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Note: On its fifty-third session (25-27 November 2002), the Working Party on Transport Statistics (TRANS/WP.6/143, paras. 24 and 25), encouraged delegates to prepare documents for the Ad hoc meeting on Harmonization of Sustainable Urban and Regional Transport Statistics to be held in Prague on 15 and 16 May 2003. In reply to this invitation, the Government of Bulgaria has prepared a document which is reproduced below.

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¹ This paper has been developed based on the following documents: "Review Of Implementation And Effectiveness Of Existing Policy Instruments On Transport, Environment And Health, And Of Their Potential For Health Gain", EUR/00/5026094/2 and "Establishment Of A Set Of Indicators To Monitor The Integration Of Environmental And Health Aspects Into Transport Policies, And Their Impacts On Health And The Environment" ECE/AC.21/2003/5 - EUR/03/5040828/5

Sustainable urban transport indicators

The National Statistics Institute provides information on sustainable urban transport by three-month surveys, which it undertakes. The surveys encompass bus-enterprises for public transport in accordance with the existing legislation, the enterprises that are involved in trolley bus and tram transport, as well as with the transport activity of the subway. The indicators, which characterise the infrastructure, the available fleet of motor vehicles for public transport and for transport activity are provided. For the lack of EU legislation in the field of urban public transport, estimation on the level of harmonization of the surveys, which the National Statistics Institute makes with methods used by other European countries, cannot be provided. In this connection, the National Statistics Institute considers that the adopted proposal made by the Czech Republic at the UNECE Working Party on Transport Statistics for a special meeting, to be held in Prague on 15-16 May 2003, will be exceptionally useful for urban transport statistics. The indicators and definitions proposed by the Czech Republic should be discussed in respect to their provision, as well as in their methodological aspect because, in our opinion, for some of the indicators is required very detailed information which the respondents of the statistics could find difficult.
