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Joint ECE-EUROSTAT Work Session on Population and Housing Censuses
(Ohrid, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 21-23 May 2003)

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Purpose of the Work Session

1. The Work Session is convened under the auspices of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) jointly with the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat). Its purpose is to help countries exchange experiences on the methods and techniques used for the collection, processing and dissemination of data related to population and housing censuses, with respect to the 2000 round of censuses. The work session will also provide an opportunity to start planning the next round of population and housing censuses and, in particular, to discuss the process to be used in producing an updated set of "Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses".

Participation and accreditation

2. Representatives of all member countries of the UNECE and of interested international organizations are welcome to participate in the Work Session. Participants from other Member States of the United Nations may also attend. All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country or international organization.

Registration

3. In order to facilitate the organization of the Work Session, participants are asked to complete the attached registration form and send it to both the UNECE secretariat and the State Statistical Office of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia by 10 April 2003.

Date and venue of the Work Session

4. At the invitation of the State Statistics Office of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Work Session will be held in Ohrid from 21-23 May 2003 in the Hotel Millenium Palace. General information on the city of Ohrid is available on the following website: <http://www.ohrid.com.mk/>

Accommodation, travel arrangements, passports and visas

5. Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements. Detailed information on the hotels suggested to the participants, as well as on the travel between Skopje and Ohrid will be provided in a separate information note. Specific requests of information concerning the travel and the accommodation should be addressed to the following email address: confmk@stat.gov.mk

6. All participants attending the Work Session are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. A list of the countries for which a visa is required will be provided in a separate information note. Applications for visas should be made to the embassy or consulate of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the country in which the participants reside. Visa applications should refer to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Joint ECE-EUROSTAT Work Session on Population and Housing Censuses. If a formal invitation letter is required by the embassy, this can be requested from the UNECE secretariat.

Work programme of the Work Session

7. The substantive items of the Work Session's agenda are:
- (i) Lessons learned from the 2000 round of population and housing censuses (concepts, collection, processing, outputs) (Organiser: Aidan Punch, Ireland);
 - (ii) Planning for the next census (Organiser: Eliahu Ben Moshe, Israel); and
 - (iii) Process to be used in producing an updated set of "Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses" (Organisers: UNECE and Eurostat).

Documentation and official languages

8. There are two main categories of papers, **invited papers** and **supporting papers**. Each of the agenda items has a Session Organizer who has contacted a small number of countries to ask them to prepare an invited paper for that item. These invited papers will provide the main basis for discussion. However, issues raised in the other papers that countries contribute to the Work Session (Supporting Papers) will also be discussed under that item.

9. The working language of the Work Session is English. Since translation and interpretation facilities will not be available, reports submitted in one of the UNECE official languages (English, French and Russian) will be reproduced in the original language only. Therefore, a short English summary (approximately 1 page) is desirable for papers submitted in official languages other than English. The papers and other information related to the Work Session will be available at the UNECE Statistical Division's website at the following address:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2003.05.census.htm>

10. Countries which intend to contribute a supporting paper to the Work Session on any of the topics listed in para. 5 above should inform the UNECE secretariat about their intention and indicate the topic(s) to which the paper will relate. Papers should be a maximum of ten pages in length. They should be submitted to the ECE secretariat by **10 April 2003** in electronic form (possibly a unique Word file including tables, figures and annexes). Papers should be sent by e-mail to the following address: **census.stat@unece.org**

REGISTRATION FORM

This form should be completed in duplicate by each participant
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