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Joint UNECE/Eurostat/OECD Meeting on National Accounts
(Geneva, 28-30 April 2004)

INFORMATION NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS

Joint Meeting on National Accounts to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting on 28 April 2004 at 10:00¹

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE MEETING

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Short-term statistics and their relation to National Accounts (including flash estimates of GDP).
4. Consistency of time series: methods and practical solutions for compiling long time series when there are changes in methodologies and classifications.
5. Quantitative methods to check and control the quality of National Accounts (including the interaction with basic statistics).
6. Treatment of taxes and social contributions (including accrual accounting and issues relating to the update of the SNA93).
7. Conceptual issues and recent methodological developments related to the update of the SNA93.
8. Information items.
9. Future work.

¹ On 27 April 2004, a special session on national accounts for CIS countries and other transition economies will be held, starting at 14:00. The main topics of the session will be FISIM and flash estimates of GDP. A presentation will be made of the methods used to estimate the Non-Observed Economy based on the recent UNECE survey. For further details, please consult the UNECE website.

10. Other business.
11. Adoption of the report.

Details on the provisional agenda indicating the designated discussant for each session, the authors of invited and supporting papers, and the provisional timetable for the meeting will be presented in document CES/AC.68/2004/1.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

Documentation

All documentation for the meeting will be made available at the following Internet address:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2004.04.sna.htm>

Participants are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in the provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be only a limited amount of documentation available in the meeting room.

Organization of the Meeting's sessions

A designated discussant for each session will introduce the topic, comment on the *invited papers* and will briefly introduce any other *supporting papers* submitted by countries and organizations. The authors of invited papers will have the opportunity to present their papers and to answer any questions. Some supporting papers will be also briefly presented. A general discussion will follow.

Countries which want to submit supporting papers to the meeting on any of the agenda items should send them by e-mail to the ECE secretariat by mid-March 2004. Any last minute documentation submitted by participants will be circulated only in the in the meeting room and will not be translated, formatted or posted on the web.

II. PARTICIPATION AND LANGUAGES

In accordance with standard UNECE practice, national statistical offices in the UNECE region are invited to send their experts. Furthermore, OECD member states and other United Nations member states are also invited to participate. Also a number of international organizations, e.g. UN, IMF and World Bank are invited.

The working languages of the meeting will be English, French and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

III. ACCOMMODATION, PASSPORT AND VISA REGULATIONS

Participants are expected to pay for their own travel and per diem. They are requested to make their own hotel reservations. In order to assist participants in organizing their accommodation, the ECE secretariat provides a list of hotels on its web site

(<http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.html>).

All participants attending the meeting and persons accompanying them are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Embassy of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside.

IV. REGISTRATION, SECURITY MEASURES

In accordance with the accreditation procedures applied to all meetings held at the Palais des Nations, delegates are requested to complete the attached Conference Registration Form and transmit it **at the latest by end of March 2004**, to the ECE secretariat by fax (+4122 917 00 40) so that it may be processed well in advance of the meeting. Participants who intend to attend the Special Session for transition economies to be held on 27 April 2004 should indicate this clearly on the Registration form.

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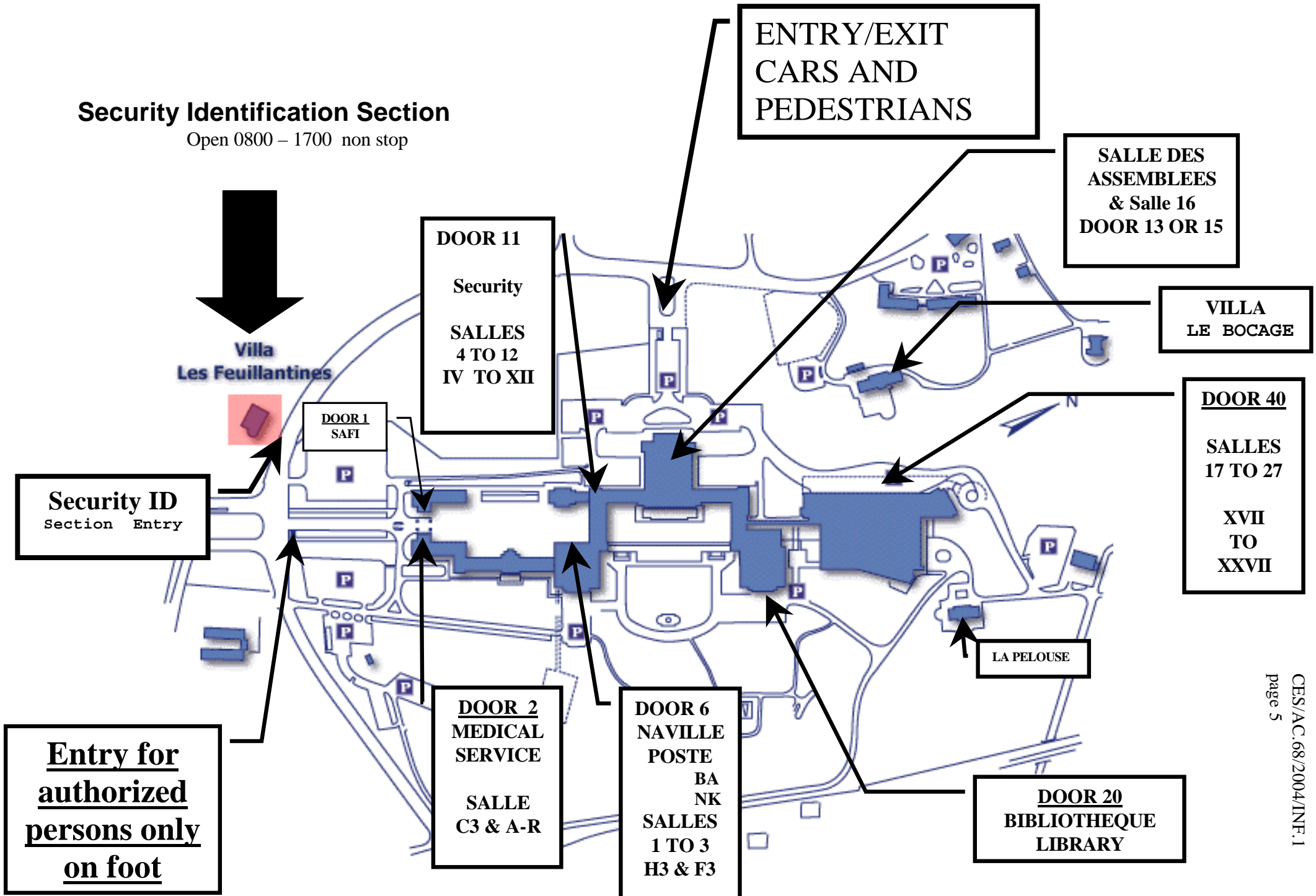
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