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**CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN
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Joint UN-ECE/Eurostat Seminar on Business Registers
(Geneva, 28-29 June 2001)

INFORMATION NOTICE

Place and date

1. The meeting is organised jointly by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) and the Statistical Office of the Commission of the European Communities (Eurostat). It will take place at the premises of the United Nations in Geneva, starting at 14:00 p.m. on **28 June 2001** and finishing at 18:00 on **29 June 2001**.

Scope of the Seminar (meeting)

2. The meeting will examine the current status in the development of business registers in EU and non-EU member countries. In particular, participants will examine possibilities for improving links between statistical business registers and administrative sources; discuss quality issues related to business registers; exchange experiences in developing a single business register; examine problems associated with statistical units and discuss in what ways various users of statistical business register within a national statistical office could better cooperate.

3. The meeting is coordinated with the work of the Eurostat's "Business Registers Committee" and will give the opportunity to non-EU member countries to obtain the latest information on the status of development of business register in the EU member countries and other UN/ECE member countries.

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Organisation of the Session

4. The meeting will be organised in the form of a working session dealing with each of the draft agenda items, as well as with other relevant questions brought by member countries to the attention of the secretariat. An Invited paper will introduce each agenda item. The ensuing discussion will be based on the Invited paper as well as on contributed papers.

5. Participants are not expected to make presentations about the general situation in the area of business registers in their countries but rather to identify concrete problems and possible solutions. All participants are expected to take an active part during discussions.

6. On the final day, future work of the Conference of European Statisticians, in the field of business registers, will be discussed. Participants are asked to prepare proposals for the next meeting.

7. There will be interpretation at the meeting from and into English, French and Russian. Only invited papers will be translated. Contributed papers will be reproduced in the original language in which they were submitted.

Registration

8. Participants are requested to complete the attached registration form (Annex) and send it as soon as possible, but no later than 15 April 2001 to the UN/ECE Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland.

Travel, accommodation and other information

9. Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. Participants from central and eastern European countries, under certain circumstances, may be able to receive financial support to attend the Session from European Commission's PHARE or TACIS programme. The countries concerned may obtain additional details from Eurostat's Technical cooperation with PHARE and TACIS countries (tel. +352-4301-33543/Fax +352-4301-32139) if required.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**Thursday, 28 June 2001**

- 14:00 - 14:10 Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
- Election of Chairman and introduction
- 14:10 - 14:40 Provisional agenda item 3 (Points for information by Eurostat)
- 14:40 – 15:50 Provisional agenda item 4 (How to improve links between statistical business registers and administrative sources)
- 15:50 - 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00 - 17:30 Provisional agenda item 5 (Quality issues and methods to improve various aspects of the quality of business register)

Friday, 29 June 2001

- 9:30 - 11:00 Provisional agenda item 6 (Experience in developing a single business register)
- 11:00 - 11:10 Coffee break
- 11:10 - 12:00 Provisional agenda item 9 (Future work)
- 12:00 - 13:00 Provisional agenda item 7 (Cooperation between various users of statistical business register within the national statistical office)
- 13:00 - 15:00 Lunch break
- 15:00 - 15:30 Provisional agenda item 7 continued
- 15:30 - 16:30 Provisional agenda item 8 (Problems with statistical units in business register)
- 16:30 – 16:50 Coffee break
- 16:50 – 17:30 Other business and adoption of the report. Closing of the Session

REGISTRATION FORM

JOINT UN/ECE EUROSTAT SEMINAR ON BUSINESS REGISTERS

Statistical Office of the Commission of the European Communities with
the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Each participant should send a completed copy of the attached form as soon as possible but not later than **15 April 2001** to the following address:

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