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**PROGRAMMES OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL
WORK IN THE ECE REGION, 2002/2003 AND 2003/2004:
AN INTEGRATED PRESENTATION**

(Pre-plenary session version)

**PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 6
DISSEMINATION AND SUPPORT FOR SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES**

Introduction

1. The material presented in this document is part of the “Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Work” which provides a summary overview of the statistically-related work that international organisations plan to carry out in the next two years that is likely to have an impact on ECE, EU and OECD countries. Information on the Integrated Presentation is presented by work area in six different addenda. The Integrated Presentation in its entirety consists of the following documents:

The Integrated Presentation: Introduction and overview (CES/2002/3)

Programme Activity 1: Organisation and operation of statistical services (CES/2002/3/Add.1)

Programme Activity 2: Technical infrastructure and other cross-cutting issues (CES/2002/3/Add.2)

Programme Activity 3: Economic statistics (CES/2002/3/Add.3)

Programme Activity 4: Social and demographic statistics (CES/2002/3/Add.4)

Programme Activity 5: Environment statistics (CES/2002/3/Add.5)

Programme Activity 6: Dissemination and support for secretariat activities (CES/2002/3/Add.6)

2. This version of the Integrated Presentation was prepared for review at the 10-12 June 2002 plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians. The Conference uses it as an aid in carrying out its primary role of coordinating the international statistical work that is planned to be carried out in the next two years which is of relevance to ECE, EU and OECD countries. The Integrated Presentation is also used as a valuable tool for coordination at the national level, for countries are increasingly using it to assist them in deciding on their participation in different meetings convened by the various international organisations. The information presented in this version of the

Integrated Presentation will be amended after the plenary session, and re-issued as the “post-plenary session” version of the Integrated Presentation.

3. The information presented in this addendum refers to work area or “Programme Activity” 6 of the Integrated Presentation which is entitled “Dissemination and support for secretariat activities”, and that is sub-divided into two “programme elements (PE)” or fields of work.

PE 6.1

PE	Heading	Text
6.1	Title	Dissemination of data and co-ordination of international data collection
6.1	Goal	That co-ordination of international data collection and dissemination is done effectively.
6.1	Issues & problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To co-ordinate policies of the international organizations involved in the collection of national statistical data which are needed for their socio-economic analysis and publications. ◆ To make collected data available to national and international statistical agencies in printed or electronic form. ◆ To avoid any inefficient duplication in the data collection activities between international organizations, and to ensure that the burden placed on NSOs in responding to international data requests is kept to a minimum. ◆ To implement jointly prepared questionnaires in international data collection. ◆ To share data stored in statistical databases that are maintained by international organizations. ◆ Further improvement in on-line data capture aiming to improve timeliness of data collection.
6.1	Strategic medium-term objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Issuing of statistical publications and products by all the organizations. ◆ Improved procedures and tools for co-ordination of data collection
6.1	Expected outcomes in the next two years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Joint data collection by ECE and Eurostat of macro-economic data from the EU candidate countries (see also PE 3.1). ◆ Full implementation of the OECD-UNSD data sharing agreement concerning international trade in goods covering all OECD member countries (see also PE 3.3). ◆ Finalisation of the electronic version of the common questionnaire by Eurostat and ECE for the collection of transport statistics (see also PE 3.4). ◆ Identification of the common data set and agreement on data transmission between OECD and Eurostat on Structural Business Statistics (see also PE 3.8 and 3.11). ◆ Establishment of a Website on annual energy questionnaires jointly by IEA and OECD (see also PE 3.12). ◆ A coordinated work-plan for data collection in the field of labour statistics for statistics to be collected by Eurostat, ILO and OECD (see also PE 4.4). ◆ Expansion of joint UNESCO/OECD/Eurostat data collection procedures and definitions in the area of education and training statistics to more countries in the ECE region (see also PE 4.5). ◆ Completion of the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) project for exchange of information over Internet (see also PE 2.3).
6.1	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Differences in pricing policies used by different national and international statistical agencies in the dissemination of statistical information. ◆ The increasing role of Internet in data collection. These innovations represent an opportunity to reduce the burden on NSI's. Further development of electronic data interchange standards (e.g., the XML-based standard for Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX)) is expected to considerably enhance the use of Internet based data collection. However, in order to take full advantage of this opportunity, a high level of coordination among international organizations on data collection is required.
6.1	Decisions recommended by the Bureau to the Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ That the Conference approves the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of the ECE Statistical Division" below), and to note and endorse the activities to be undertaken by other Divisions and PSB's in the ECE.

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6.1	Rapporteur	None
6.1	Activities of the ECE Statistical Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Enhance the public value of the division's statistical holdings collected to support the Economic Survey of Europe and other economic analysis carried out by the ECE (see 6.2), by publicising and disseminating them (especially via WEB access to the ECE Statistical Database). ◆ Collecting data for and publishing in printed and electronic form "Trends in Europe and North America – the Statistical Yearbook of the ECE". ◆ Collecting annual data from non-OECD/IEA member countries in the field of energy statistics. ◆ Preparation of four quarterly issues of the UNECE Statistical Journal. ◆ Preparation of the annual statistical-oriented publication "World Robotics". ◆ Preparation, in collaboration with Eurostat, OECD, UNSD and other international organizations, an annual report on joint data collection for submission to the plenary session of the Conference. ◆ Information on UNECE statistical publications is available on the ECE Statistical Division's Website: http://www.unece.org/stats
6.1	Activities of the ECE Economic Analysis Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Statistical data on economic developments in countries in transition and in traditional market economies are collected in cooperation with the Statistical Division and used for the preparation of two issues per year of the <u>Economic Survey of Europe</u> as well as a wide range of reports and studies for special conferences, other UN Departments, etc.
6.1	Activities of the ECE Timber Committee	<p>Four organisations – FAO, ECE, Eurostat and ITTO (International Tropical Timber Organisation) - work together to collect and disseminate data on production and trade of forest products, through the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire. This arrangement has proved very successful, and will be continued. In 2002-2004, the four organisations will concentrate on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ data validation ◆ briefing of national correspondents ◆ refining definitions and procedures ◆ data handling and presentation (use of website, global forest information system etc.)
6.1	Activities of the ECE Committee on Human Settlements	<p>The biennial "Bulletin on Housing and Building Statistics for Europe and North America" provides statistical data and information for analysing and monitoring housing policy implementation in the ECE region (trilingual: English/French/Russian).</p>
6.1	Activities of the ECE Transport Division (Inland Transport Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (i) <i>2000 Combined Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Standards and Parameters on Main International Traffic Arteries of Europe</i> (to be published on hard-copy, CD-ROM and possibly Internet using GIS application); ▪ (ii) <i>Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America</i>, 2002 to 2004 editions; ▪ (iii) <i>Bulletin of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America</i>, 2002 to 2004 editions; ▪ (iv) <i>Glossary for Transport Statistics, Third Edition</i> (containing chapters of the previous two editions and new chapters on road traffic accidents and environmental indicators as well as a new Air part and a revised Maritime part), expected by end 2002 (an intermediate version will be available on the Internet). ◆ The Common Questionnaire for Transport Statistics is circulated annually to member Governments, in cooperation with ECMT and Eurostat, and the data are published for each organizations member Governments in annual or less frequent publications. In the case of ECE this data is published in the <i>Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe and North America</i> (ABTS) cited above.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Questionnaire on Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America is circulated annually by ECE to its member countries and is currently not collected or compiled by a Common Questionnaire, although methodological coordination on road traffic accident terminology has been undertaken. ◆ Data collection effort other than for annual publications: 2000 Combined Census of Motor Traffic and Inventory of Main International Traffic Arteries in Europe, pilot questionnaires (e.g.: Gas Pipelines) and the collection of information for the Compendium of Transport Database and Information System Capabilities in the ECE Region.
6.1	Activities of OECD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The OECD collects data which are further used for a wide variety of publications in print, diskette, CD-ROM and on-line. These are often listed in the integrated presentation under the programme elements concerned. The catalogue of the OECD Online Bookshop is available from: http://www.oecd.org ◆ The OECD will continue its efforts to contribute to reducing the burden on national statistical agencies by further co-ordinating data collection activities across the Organisation and with other international organisations both in terms of content, timing and use of common technology (XML / Gesmes).
6.1	Activities of Eurostat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Eurostat works closely with the other international organisations, through the ACC Sub-Committee on Statistical Activities and the Joint Programme Review (which consists of ECE, OECD and Eurostat) to ensure good co-ordination of data collection from Member States and the avoidance of duplication in that area. More joint data collection activities are foreseen in the coming years. However these are sometimes hampered by differing standards being used and timetables of the various organisations. ◆ Eurostat's publications catalogue is available on request. The Eurostat web site is at: http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat
6.1	Activities of UN Statistics Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Implementation of the new questionnaires based on SNA 93 and ESA 95. Since both systems are consistent, an architecture of data sharing among Eurostat, OECD, UNECE and UNSD has been agreed upon, such that each country will receive only one questionnaire. Countries will send the data electronically to one organization identified as focal point for a group of countries but with simultaneous copies to the other organizations interested. ◆ The UNSD co-ordinates the collection of demographic statistics with the WHO, EUROSTAT, ILO and the Economic Commission for Europe in order to minimize the reporting burden on the national statistical services and to provide as wide a range of users as possible with access to demographic statistics shown in international statistical publications including the United Nations Demographic Yearbook. ◆ Social Indicators and Statistics and Indicators on the World's Women are maintained by the Statistics Division on its Internet site. ◆ UNSD continues the collection, processing and dissemination of global industrial commodity production statistics and maintains the industrial commodity statistics database containing data for about 200 countries and areas and more than 600 commodities. UNSD continues the compilation and publication of index numbers of industrial production. Industrial statistics is published in UNSD's Industrial Commodity Statistics Yearbook, in the UN Statistical Yearbook and the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, and in electronic format. ◆ UNSD maintains the most comprehensive database of worldwide energy statistics (production, trade, stock changes, bunkers and consumption) covering more than 200 countries and areas and time series as long as 50 years. The primary source of information is the annual energy questionnaire. Data collection covers non-OECD countries. There is a regular exchange of data between UNSD and IEA/OECD. UNSD publishes the Energy Statistics Yearbook and the biennial Energy Balances and Electricity Profiles

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6.1	Activities of UN Population Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Implementation of 2002 Revision of the official United Nations population estimates and projections, including age and sex patterns in mortality, fertility and migration data, for all countries and areas of the world, as well as implementation of the 2003 Revision of the official United Nations estimates and projections of urban and rural areas and major cities. ◆ Dissemination of world-wide population information through the expansion of the United Nations Population Division world wide web site (www.unpopulation.org) and the continued development of the United Nations Population Information Network (POPIN) (www.popin.org).
6.1	Activities of UNIDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ UNIDO, in collaboration with OECD, will continue to assume the sole responsibility for compilation and dissemination of worldwide key industrial statistics at the 3- and 4-digit levels of ISIC(Revision 2 and 3): UNIDO collecting data directly from non-OECD member countries while OECD collecting data from its member countries and providing them to UNIDO to complete the global coverage of the UNIDO industrial statistics databases. ◆ With regard to UNIDO country questionnaire, it is expected that majority of the non-OECD countries would report their data electronically in, for instance, Excel format (Currently, half of regularly reporting non-OECD countries provide their data to UNIDO via electronic questionnaire). ◆ The annual time series that UNIDO compiles and disseminates refer to selected key statistics for employment, production and investment, all pertaining to manufacturing and are arranged in accordance with 3- and 4-digit levels of ISIC. ◆ The organization will continue to disseminate INDSTAT as well as IDSB databases on CD-ROM. At the same time, the 2003 and 2004 editions of the International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics will be published in hardcopy. However, Internet will be the main medium of data publication. ◆ An analytical product, the Set of Industrial Development Indicators, which currently contains approximately thirty indicators, will be further expanded by increasing the number of indicators and by expanding their country coverage.
6.1	Activities of ILO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Data collected by the ILO from national statistical offices and through national statistical publications are made available in both printed and electronic form. For many years monthly and/or quarterly data on employment, unemployment, hours of work, wages and consumer prices have been transmitted each month from the ILO to the Statistics Division of the UN in New York for inclusion in the UN "Monthly Bulletin of Statistics". At the same time these data are sent to the ECE, FAO, IMF, OECD, UNIDO and the Statistical Office of the European Communities. Annual data published in the ILO "Yearbook of Labour Statistics" are also transmitted to the UN Statistics Division for additional dissemination in their "Yearbook", thus avoiding unnecessary duplication of international questionnaires. Employment and unemployment data published in the ILO "Bulletin of Labour Statistics" and its Supplements, are sent regularly to the IMF for publication in their "International Financial Statistics" bulletin. ◆ The ILO Key Indicators of the Labour Market - available in printed, CD-ROM and Internet versions - provides users access to world-wide data on 20 key labour market indicators from 1980 to the present. Data are collected from the ILO Bureau of Statistics as well as other international statistical repositories. ◆ Publication of annual employment and unemployment estimates, initially on paper and diskette but later to be disseminated through our Web site. ◆ The <u>ILO Yearbook of Labour Statistics</u> and related publications will be more concise and user-friendly, making maximum use of modern technology and available dissemination tools. ◆ Publication of "<u>Economically active population 1950-2010</u>" providing estimates and

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		<p>projections of activity rates by sex and age group, and estimates of the distribution of the economically active population by sex and by major sector of economic activity, for each country or territory which had 200,000 inhabitants or more in 1990 (covering Gaza Strip, all newly established countries of the Former Soviet Union as well as the Czech Republic and Slovakia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Slovenia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) -- available as a set of diskettes, in ASCII format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ MIGRANT's database in cooperation with EUROSTAT.
6.1	Activities of the World Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Bank releases two annual publications both in hard copy and on CD-ROM, <i>World Development Indicators</i> and <i>Global Development Finance</i>. The <i>World Bank Atlas</i> is distributed in hard copy. Selected indicators from the World Development Indicators also appear in the <i>World Development Report</i>, the <i>Little Data Book</i>, and the <i>Little Green Data Book</i> (all annual). Selected tables from these publications are available on the Bank's website: http://www.worldbank.org/data/ ◆ The Global Development Network (GDN) Initiative is to support and link research and policy institutes involved in the field of development. The GDN Data Initiative will sponsor and provide information about training and other activities to support broader and better use of micro-data in macro- and socio-economic research. http://www.gdnet.org/ ◆ The Gateway initiative is envisioned as a portal website on development issues, from which users will be able to access information, resources, and tools, and into which they will be able to contribute their own knowledge and experience. http://www.worldbank.org/gateway/ ◆ Data Query offers free access to a segment of the World Development Indicators (WDI) database. This segment includes 54 time series indicators for 206 countries and 17 groups, spanning 5 years (1995 to 1999). http://www.worldbank.org/data/dataquery.html ◆ The Bank will continue maintenance and updating of databases on Poverty (more information on the databases is available in PE 4.7a): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Poverty Monitoring Database http://wbIn0018.worldbank.org/dg/povertys.nsf ▪ Living Standards Measurement Study Survey Database http://www.worldbank.org/lsm/ ▪ Africa Poverty Monitoring: Household Survey Database http://www4.worldbank.org/afr/poverty/databank/default.htm ▪ Database on Household Expenditure and Income Data for Transitional Economies http://www.worldbank.org/research/transition/house.htm ▪ Data for the Analysis of Poverty Reduction http://genderstats.worldbank.org/daper/ ▪ Global Poverty Monitoring Database http://www.worldbank.org/research/povmonitor/

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6.1	Activities of International Monetary Fund (IMF)	<p>The IMF makes a wide array of macroeconomic statistics available through its publications program. Data are available in a variety of media including print, CD-ROM and via the Internet. Plans to expand the range of products in electronic formats are underway. The current offerings in the publication program are:</p> <p>a) Databases available to subscribers on CD-ROM relate to the following publications: <u>International Financial Statistics (IFS)</u>, <u>International Financial Statistics Yearbook</u>, <u>Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook (BOPSY)</u>, <u>Government Finance Statistics Yearbook</u>, and <u>Direction of Trade Statistics (DOTSY)</u>. A windows browser facility is available for CD-ROMs except for Government Finance Statistics.</p> <p>b) the IMF has available on its website the Joint BIS, IMF, OECD, World Bank Statistics on External Debt and enhancements in coverage and timeliness are envisaged.</p> <p>c) The monthly edition of <u>IFS</u> is available to subscribers on the Internet and from January 2002 the complete searchable IFS database is available.</p>
6.1	Activities of WHO Regional Office for Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ongoing annual collection of basic health statistics from 51 European WHO Member States and their dissemination via European "Health for All" database (www.euro.who.int/HFADB). ◆ Starting collection of mortality data at sub-national level from countries of central and eastern Europe (in coordination with EUROSTAT)
6.1	Activities of the World Trade Organization (WTO)	<p>WTO is primarily a user of other agencies' data. The WTO actively supports ongoing efforts to improve coordination in data collection activities through the Task Force on International Trade Statistics and other bodies.</p> <p>Priority objectives: To actively contribute to the development of a consistent, internationally recognised set of up-to-date international merchandise trade statistics.</p>
6.1	Activities of FAO	<p>On-going work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Maintenance and updating the essential data series on agricultural production, trade, supply/utilization accounts, food balance sheets, demographic estimates and projections, macroeconomic aggregates and prices received and paid by farmers. Other time series which will be updated pertain to: land use, farm machinery, fertilizer and pesticides statistics, estimates of number of undernourished and other data to support Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping Systems (FIVIMS). ◆ Together with the database available on Internet (www.fao.org), published outputs will continue to include: FAO Production Yearbook (two volumes), Trade Yearbook (two volumes), Fertilizer Yearbook (two volumes), Fertilizer Use by Crops, Producer Prices for Crop and Livestock Productions, FAO Bulletin of Statistics and Food and Agricultural Sector Profiles, FAO Yearbook-Fishery Statistics/Capture Fisheries production (2 volumes), /Aquaculture Production (2 volumes), Commodities (2 volumes). ◆ Work will continue on the development dissemination of meta data on crops and livestock which underlies the data disseminated by FAO at www.fao.org/ES/ESS/stats.htm ◆ Work will continue on analysis of household surveys for estimating household food expenditure and distribution of food consumption. <p>Priority objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To publish the CD-Rom format, FAOSTAT 2000, the database containing all FAO statistics. <p>New activities to be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To develop for dissemination the Trade Database by Origin and Destination. ◆ The FAO questionnaire on agricultural census data will be dispatched to FAO member countries to obtain census results.

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6.1	Activities of the World Tourism Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <u>Yearbook of Tourism Statistics</u>: Contains data, for the last five years, on total arrivals and overnight stays of international inbound tourists, broken down by country of origin. ◆ <u>Compendium of Tourism Statistics</u>: Provides 20 selected indicators for more than 200 countries and for the last five years. ◆ <u>Data dissemination in machine-readable form</u>: Strengthen the efficiency of management of WTO's tourism statistics database, in order to allow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the dissemination of WTO's tourism statistics on the Internet - the development of electronic publishing - the dissemination of WTO tourism statistics on CD-ROM
6.1	Activities of Council of Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Annual publication of the report "Recent Demographic Developments in Europe" concerning 46 European countries. ◆ Coordination with Eurostat concerning the collection of demographic data from National Statistical Offices is in progress. ◆ Annual publication of comparative tables over social security systems in Europe. ◆ Coordination with member countries on reporting qualitative data on social security.
6.1	Activities of CIS-STAT	<p>The following publications are to be issued in 2002-2004: the statistical bulletin "CIS Statistics" (twice monthly); the statistical yearbook "Commonwealth of Independent States" (Russian-English); a short handbook of preliminary statistical results entitled "Commonwealth of Independent States" (Russian-English); and the studies "Commonwealth of Independent States: a Statistical Portrait" (Russian-English) and "Foreign trade of countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States in 2000" (Russian-English): All of these publications may be made available in hard-copy form and on diskette.</p>

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6.2	Title	Other statistically-related activities of the ECE secretariat
6.2	Goal	To provide effective statistical services to its customers with a high degree of professionalism
6.2	Issues & problems	For ECE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To collect statistical data and to provide other statistical support needed for the ECE's economic analysis (the macro-economic data from the EU candidate countries is collected jointly with Eurostat, see also PA 3: Economic statistics). ◆ To develop and maintain a statistical database for this purpose with emphasis on countries under the transition process. ◆ To provide statistical services to other ECE divisions. ◆ Further develop electronic data interchange between national statistical offices and the ECE secretariat based on international standards developed within the Western European EDIFACT Board.
6.2	Strategic medium-term objectives	◆ For ECE, database on macroeconomic data from market economy countries and countries in transition; operational network for EDI collection of macroeconomic data from market economy and transition countries; periodic progress reports to the CES plenary sessions.
6.2	Expected outcomes in the next two years	None
6.2	Attention of the Conference is drawn to the following	Nothing
6.2	Decisions recommended by the Bureau to the Conference	◆ That the Conference approves the activities to be undertaken by the Conference in this programme element (see "Activities of ECE Statistical Division" below).
6.2	Rapporteur	ECE
6.2	Activities of the ECE Statistical Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ensure that economic analysis conducted by the ECE, including the two issues per year of the "Economic Survey of Europe", is founded on relevant, timely, and harmonized statistics, and on a professional statistical advisory capacity and statistical services, while minimising duplication with other international organisations involved in similar activities. ◆ Ensure that the statistical assets of the division are properly documented and managed, and can be easily retrieved when required. ◆ Provide advisory services to other divisions of ECE concerning the management of their data assets. ◆ Develop "off the shelf" analytical products for use by economic analysts both inside and outside ECE. ◆ Enhance the public value of the division's statistical holdings by publicising and disseminating them. (See item 6.1 Activities of the ECE Statistical division)