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Election of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians**Election of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians for the two-year period from June 2019 to June 2021****Note by the Secretariat***Summary*

In accordance with the Rules governing the work of the Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau (see ECE/CES/2007/8), the Conference elects its Bureau for a period of two years. The current term of all members of the Bureau expires at the closing of the 2019 plenary session, on 28 June 2019. Elections for a Chair and for the Vice-Chairs will therefore be held at the 2019 plenary session for the two-year period from June 2019 to June 2021.

The present document explains the procedure for the elections of the new Bureau. The elections will be carried out on 28 June 2019 under item 12 of the agenda.



1. The current term of all members of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) expires at the closing of the 2019 plenary session, on 28 June 2019. At the 2019 plenary session, elections for a Chair and for the Vice-Chairs will therefore be held for the two-year period from June 2019 to June 2021.
2. In addition to the elected members of the Bureau, representatives of some international organizations active in statistics participate as permanent observers on the Bureau as stated in part (a) of the section 'Functioning of the Bureau' of the *Rules governing the work of the Conference and its Bureau*, provided in document ECE/CES/2007/8: "Standing invitations are extended to the Director-General of Eurostat, the Chief Statistician of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Chairperson of the OECD Committee on Statistics, the Chairperson of the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT), the Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Statistics Department and the Director of the Development Data Group of the World Bank. The Director of the United Nations Statistics Division is invited to participate in Bureau meetings as a representative of the United Nations Secretariat."
3. The elections of the Bureau are governed by the *Rules*, which were adopted by the Conference in 2007. Updated rules will be presented for the approval by the Conference as document ECE/CES/2019/2. The updates do not concern the process of election of the Bureau, therefore the elections can proceed as described below.
4. As explained in part (a) of the section 'Composition of the Bureau' of the *Rules*, "any member of the Conference is eligible for membership in the Bureau of the Conference". A member of the Conference is defined in the Rules, paragraph 5, as "the Head of the statistical service of any member country of the United Nations that participates regularly in the work of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe". It is thus possible for the Head of the statistical service of a country outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) region to be a member of the Conference, and to be elected to its Bureau.
5. According to part (b) of the section 'Composition of the Bureau', "The Bureau is composed of up to 8 members, of whom 6 members should be from the UNECE member countries and the remaining one or two places be reserved for possible candidates from countries in other regions." This is to ensure synergies of work and exchange of knowledge and experience with countries from other UN Regional Commissions.
6. Further, according to part (c) of the section 'Composition of the Bureau' "If a Bureau member leaves the Bureau, a new member may be co-opted until the time of the next plenary session, when a new Bureau member is elected."
7. The previous Bureau elections were held in June 2017. The Conference elected six Heads of national statistical offices from the UNECE region (Armenia, Austria, Canada, Croatia, Finland, and United Kingdom) and two from outside the region (Mexico, representing the ECLAC region, and New Zealand, representing the ESCAP region). In April 2019, the Head of the national statistical office of Croatia left his post as Chief Statistician.
8. The Bureau currently consists of the following persons, who were elected at the 2017 CES plenary session:
 - Chairperson: Ms. M. Bruun (Finland), first term as the Chairperson, third term as a Bureau member;
 - Vice-Chairs: Mr. S. Mnatsakanyan (Armenia), second term;
 - Mr. K. Pesendorfer (Austria), third term;
 - Mr. A. Arora (Canada), first term;
 - Mr. J. Santaella (Mexico), first term;
 - Ms. L. MacPherson (New Zealand), second term;
 - Mr. J. Pullinger (the United Kingdom), second term.

9. According to part (d) of the section 'Election of the Bureau', "Bureau members can be elected to four successive Bureaus". Therefore, all Vice-Chairs of the current Bureau whose term of office expires in June 2019 are eligible to be re-elected.

10. According to part (c) of the section 'Election of the Chairman of the Conference', "A Chairman of the Conference may be re-elected once. Any previous Chairman may be re-elected Chairman after an interruption of at least two years." Therefore, the current Chairperson of the Conference is eligible to be re-elected for another term of 2 years.

11. There are no formal nominations for Bureau membership. Part (a) of the section 'Election of the Chairman of the Conference' of the Rules states: "The election of the Bureau by the Conference is carried out on the basis of a proposal by the most senior previous Chairman of the Conference present at the plenary session concerned." There is no previous Chairperson of the Bureau among the members of the Conference. Ms. A. Zigure, Chief Statistician of Latvia, is the most senior previous Vice-Chairperson of the Conference and, therefore, she will make the proposal for the new membership of the Bureau. Part (a) of the section 'Election of the Bureau' of the *Rules* further stipulates that "The proposal should be prepared in such a way that it maximizes the chances of being adopted by consensus." Ms. Zigure will consult the proposal with all the CES members.

12. Elections for the Chair and Vice-Chairs for a period of two years will be held on Friday, 28 June 2019 under item 12 of the CES plenary session agenda.
