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**SELECTION OF STATISTICAL AREAS FOR IN-DEPTH REVIEW BY THE CES
BUREAU IN FEBRUARY 2006**

Note prepared by the ECE Secretariat

1. At its February 2005 meeting, the CES Bureau decided that a survey to select the statistical areas for in-depth review by the Bureau in February 2006 be carried out at the time of the 2005 CES plenary session.
2. The CES Bureau reviews each year, usually in February, a few selected statistical areas as classified in the Integrated Presentation (IP) of International Statistical Work Programmes. The review is based on Rapporteurs' Reports, which identify important issues and problems in the given areas that require the attention of the top management of national and international statistical agencies. The review is focused on issues dealing with coordination and gaps in international statistical work. The aim of the review is to make recommendations on how to improve the coordination of international work in the selected domains.
3. In February 2005, the Bureau reviewed the following five statistical areas: (i) technical cooperation; (ii) migration statistics; (iii) income and consumption; (iv) labour statistics, and (v) transport statistics. Migration statistics was selected for in-depth review by the Conference at its annual plenary session in June 2005.
4. The statistical areas for review in 2006 will be selected by the Bureau on the basis of the survey that will be conducted at the time of the plenary session. A leaflet/questionnaire with the new classification of statistical areas to be implemented from the beginning of 2006 will be circulated on the first day of the plenary session (in October 2004 the Bureau approved a new classification of the statistical areas that is currently being tested for the Integrated Presentation). The Heads of National Statistical Offices will be asked to select those statistical

areas where they believe that the most acute problems with coordination of international statistical work in the UNECE region exist. Attention should also be paid to those statistical areas where insufficient progress is being made or gaps identified.

5. The UNECE secretariat will summarize the information and will make a proposal to the Bureau. The Rapporteurs (countries or international organizations) that will prepare the critical reports will be selected on a case-by-case basis.

6. The new classification of statistical areas is attached in an Annex for information. It is being tested currently as mentioned earlier. As a result of this test, the classification has been slightly modified as compared to the classification that was agreed by the CES Bureau in October 2004.

ANNEX
Classification of statistical areas in the
Integrated Presentation of International Statistical Work Programmes
(new classification to be implemented from 2006, Version of 22 March 2005)

Major Heading 1: Demographic and social statistics

- 1.1 Population and migration
- 1.2 Labour
- 1.3 Education
- 1.4 Health
- 1.5 Income and consumption
- 1.6 Social protection
- 1.7 Human settlements and housing
- 1.8 Justice and crime
- 1.9 Culture
- 1.10 Political and other community activities
- 1.11 Time-use

Major Heading 2: Economic statistics

- 2.1 Economic accounts
- 2.2 Short-term economic statistics
- 2.3 Structural business statistics
- 2.4 Sectoral statistics
 - 2.4.1 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries
 - 2.4.2 Energy
 - 2.4.3 Mining, manufacturing, construction
 - 2.4.4 Transport
 - 2.4.5 Tourism
 - 2.4.6 Banking, insurance, financial statistics
- 2.5 Government finance, fiscal and public sector statistics
- 2.6 International trade and balance of payments
- 2.7 Prices
- 2.8 Labour cost
- 2.9 Science and technology

Major Heading 3: Environment and multi-domain statistics

- 3.1 Environment
- 3.2 Regional and small area statistics
- 3.3 Multi-domain statistics and indicators
 - 3.3.1 Living conditions and poverty
 - 3.3.2 Gender and special population groups
 - 3.3.3 Information society
 - 3.3.4 Globalization

- 3.3.5 Indicators related to the Millennium Development Goals
- 3.3.6 Sustainable development
- 3.4 Yearbooks and similar compendia

Major Heading 4: Methodology of data collection, processing, dissemination and analysis

- 4.1 Metadata
- 4.2 Classifications
- 4.3 Data sources
 - 4.3.1 Population and housing censuses; registers of population, dwellings and buildings
 - 4.3.2 Business and agricultural censuses and registers
 - 4.3.3 Household surveys
 - 4.3.4 Business and agricultural surveys
 - 4.3.5 Other administrative and non-survey sources
- 4.4 Data editing and data linkage
- 4.5 Dissemination, data warehousing
- 4.6 Statistical confidentiality and disclosure protection
- 4.7 Data analysis

Major Heading 5: Strategic & managerial issues of official statistics at national and international level

- 5.1 Institutional frameworks and principles; role of official statistics
- 5.2 Statistical programmes; coordination within statistical systems
- 5.3 Quality frameworks and measurement of performance of statistical systems and offices
- 5.4 Management and development of human resources
- 5.5 Management and development of technological resources (including standards for electronic data exchange and data sharing)
- 5.6 Coordination of international statistical work
- 5.7 Technical cooperation and capacity building

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