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ELECTION OF THE BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

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THE 2009/2010 AND 2010/2011 PERIOD**

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 of the Conference expires at the closing of the 2009 plenary session, on 10 June 2009. At the 2009 plenary session, therefore, elections for a Chair and for the Vice-Chairs will be held for the two-year period June 2009 to June 2011.

The present note explains the procedure for the elections of the new Bureau. The elections will be carried out on 10 June 2009 under item 11 of the agenda, based on the proposal of the most senior previous Chairman of the Conference present at the plenary session.

1. The current term of all members of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) expires at the closing of the 2009 plenary session, on 10 June 2009. At the 2009 plenary session, therefore, elections for a Chair and for the Vice-Chairs will be held for the two-year period June 2009 to June 2011.

2. The elections of the Bureau are governed by the rules adopted by the Conference at its 1991 plenary session and reconfirmed with minor amendments in 2005. These rules are provided in the document ECE/CES/2007/8.

3. As explained in paragraph 13 (a) of the Rules governing the work of the Conference and its Bureau (see ECE/CES/2007/8), “any member of the Conference is eligible for membership in the Bureau of the Conference”. “Membership” in 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”.

4. 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. According to the Rules, paragraph 13 (b), the size of the Bureau can be up to 8 members, of whom 6 members should be from countries in the UNECE region and the remaining one or two possibly from countries in other regions.

5. The Bureau currently consists of the following persons, who were elected at the 2007 plenary session:

Chairman: Ms. H. Jeskanen-Sundström (Finland), first term as the Chairman, second term as a Bureau member

Vice-Chairs: Mr. B. Pink (Australia), first term

Mr. P. Hackl (Austria), first term

Mr. E. Pereira Nunes (Brazil), second term

Mr. G. O’Hanlon (Ireland), first term (since July 2008, to replace Mr. W. Radermacher)

Ms. A. Zigure (Latvia), second term

Mr. V. Sokolin (Russian Federation), fourth term

Ms. K. Wallman (United States), fourth term

6. According to the Rules paragraph 15 (d), “Bureau members can be elected to four successive Bureaus” and “any previous Bureau member can be re-elected to the Bureau after an interruption of at least two years”. Therefore, the current Chairman and four of the Vice-Chairs of the Bureau whose term of office expires in June of 2007, as well as all members of the Conference who previously served as Chairs or Vice-Chairs, are eligible to be re-elected as members of the Bureau, except Mr. V. Sokolin and Ms. K. Wallman who have served on four successive Bureaus and are therefore not eligible to be re-elected as members of the Bureau.

7. According to the Rules paragraph 16 (c), the “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". The current Chairman has served one term as the Chairman and can therefore be re-elected as the Chairman for the second term.

8. There are no formal nominations for Bureau membership. Paragraph 15 (a) of the Rules provides for the elections to the Bureau to be organized by "the most senior previous Chairman of the Conference present at the plenary session concerned". Ms. K. Wallman, Chief Statistician of the United States, is the most senior previous Chairman of the Conference and therefore she will organize the elections of the Bureau.

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