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#### TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR THE 2010 CES PLENARY SESSION

The meeting will be held in Room 11 at the Conference Centre of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris, starting at 14:30 on Tuesday, 8 June 2010.

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| <b>Tuesday, 8 June 2010 (14:30-17:30)</b> |  |   |                                  |
| <b>14:30 – 17:30</b>                      | <i>PART I. FORMAL BUSINESS</i>           |   |                                  |
| <b>14:30 – 14:40</b>                      | <b>1</b>                                 | <b>OPENING ADDRESSES AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b>   | ECE/CES/78 and Add. 1            |
| <b>14:40 – 14:45</b>                      | <b>2</b>                                 | <b>MEETINGS OF THE PARENT BODIES OF THE CES</b><br>Forty-first session of the United Nations Statistical Commission.                                      |                                  |
| <b>14:45 – 14:50</b>                      | <b>3</b>                                 | <b>COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK IN THE UNECE REGION</b><br>Chairman's introductory comments   |                                  |
| <b>14:50 – 15:10</b>                      |  | a) Outcomes of the in-depth reviews of selected statistical areas by the CES Bureau:  |                                  |
|   |  | i) Statistical dissemination, communication and publications (UNECE and Steering Group on Statistical Dissemination and Communication);                   | ECE/CES/2010/1 and Add.1         |
|   |  | ii) Government finance, fiscal and public sector statistics (IMF)   | ECE/CES/2010/2 and Add.1         |
| <b>15:10 – 16:05</b>                      |  | b) Discussion on in-depth review topics to obtain input for the reviews to be carried out by the Bureau   |                                  |
|   |  | i) In-depth review of time-use surveys (Bernd Störtzbach, Mareike Schiffko, German Federal Statistical Office with inputs from Finland and United States) | ECE/CES/2010/25                  |
| <b>16:05 – 16:25</b>                      | <i>Coffee/tea break</i>                  |   |                                  |
| <b>16:25 – 17:20</b>                      |  | ii) In-depth review of measuring information society and statistics on science, technology and innovation (ABS, Australia)                                | ECE/CES/2010/4                   |
| <b>17:20 – 17:30</b>                      | <b>4</b>                                 | <b>PROGRESS REPORTS AND WORK OF THE CES TEAMS OF SPECIALISTS</b>  |                                  |
|   |  | a) UNECE Statistical Programme: report on 2009 and plans for 2010;  | ECE/CES/2010/5, Add.1, Add.2     |
|   |  | b) The Database of International Statistical Activities (DISA);   | ECE/CES/2010/29                  |
|   |  | c) reports of the CES Bureau meetings, progress reports on the Teams of Specialists working under CES.  | ECE/CES/2010/45, ECE/CES/2010/47 |
| <b>18:00</b>                              | <i>Cocktail offered by INSEE, France</i> |   |                                  |

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| <b>Wednesday, 9 June 2010 (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)</b> |          |  |                          |
|  | <b>5</b> | <b>CES MANUALS, GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS</b>   |                          |
| <b>9:30 – 9:50</b>   |          | a) Manual on gender statistics (Task Force on Gender Statistics Training for Statisticians);   | ECE/CES/2010/7 and Add.1 |
| <b>9:50 – 10:10</b>  |          | b) Measuring new forms of family and household arrangements (Task Force on Families and Households);   | ECE/CES/2010/8 and Add.1 |
| <b>10:10 – 10:30</b>                                       |          | c) Measuring the quality of employment (Task Force on Measurement of Quality of Employment).   | ECE/CES/2010/9 and Add.1 |
| <b>10:30 – 10:50</b>                                       |          | <i>Coffee/tea break</i>  |                          |
| <b>10:50 -17:30</b>  |          | <i>PART II. EMERGING ISSUES</i>  |                          |
|  | <b>6</b> | <b>SPATIAL STATISTICS</b>  |                          |
| <b>10:50 – 10:55</b>                                       |          | Introductory comments by the Chair of the Seminar (Eurostat)   |                          |
| <b>10:55 – 11:20</b>                                       |          | Keynote speech: Lars H. Backer (Statistics Sweden, Nordic Forum for GeoStatistics, European Forum for GeoStatistics, European GridClub)  |                          |
|  |          | <b>Session 1: Use of statistical grids in official statistics</b><br>Session Organiser and Discussant: Austria   |                          |
|  |          | <i>Invited papers:</i>   |                          |
|  |          | Production and dissemination of grid data since the 1970 Census in Finland (Marja Tammilehto-Luode, Statistics Finland)  | ECE/CES/2010/11          |
|  |          | Combining Variable Spatial Data with Grids to Improve Data Visualization: Case Studies (Tim Trainor, U.S. Census Bureau)   | ECE/CES/2010/12          |
|  |          | Establishing of a national hierarchical grid system in Slovenia – lessons learned and future challenges (Igor Kuzma, Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia)   | ECE/CES/2010/13          |
| <b>11:20 – 11:35</b>                                       |          | Presentation by the Session Organiser of key points from the invited papers and the main findings in the supporting papers   |                          |
| <b>11:35 – 11:50</b>                                       |          | Replies by invited authors to the questions raised by the Session Organiser  |                          |
| <b>11:50 – 12:20</b>                                       |          | General discussion   |                          |
| <b>12:20 – 12:30</b>                                       |          | Short summary of the session by the Session Organiser  |                          |
| <b>12:30 – 14:30</b>                                       |          | <i>Lunch break</i>   |                          |
|  |          | <b>Session 2: Spatial analysis: a tool for exploiting the combination of Geographic and Statistical Information and improving dissemination</b><br>Session Organiser and Discussant: Brazil  |                          |
|  |          | <i>Invited papers:</i>   |                          |
|  |          | Measuring Compactness of Locality in Israel (Natalia Tsibel, Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel)   | ECE/CES/2010/14          |
|  |          | Role of a spatial dimension in official statistics (Johnny Sehlin, Statistics Sweden)  | ECE/CES/2010/15          |
|  |          | Cartography, Google and Neighborhood Statistics (Duncan Beeckman, Caroline van Houwelingen, Statistics Netherlands)  | ECE/CES/2010/16          |
|  |          | INEGI usage of information and communication technologies, as well as geographic information systems to take advantage of the spatial dimension of official statistics as georeferenced data, geospatial information and geographic knowledge (Mexico) | ECE/CES/2010/17          |
| <b>14:30 – 14:45</b>                                       |          | Presentation by the Session Organiser of key points from the invited papers and the main findings in the supporting papers   |                          |
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| <b>15:00 – 15:50</b>                                       |          | General discussion   |                          |
| <b>15:50 – 16:00</b>                                       |          | Short summary of the session by the Session Organiser  |                          |
| <b>16:00 – 16:30</b>                                       |          | <i>Coffee/tea break</i>  |                          |
|  |          | <b>Session 3: General discussion and conclusions</b><br>Session Organiser and Discussant: Mexico   |                          |
| <b>16:30 – 17:20</b>                                       |          | General discussion   |                          |
| <b>17:20 – 17:30</b>                                       |          | Concluding remarks by the Chair of the Seminar   |                          |

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| <b>Thursday, 10 June 2010 (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)</b> |          |  |                 |
| <b>9:30-17:00</b>  |          | <i>PART III. FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES OF STATISTICAL SYSTEMS</i>  |                 |
|  | <b>7</b> | <b>IMPACT OF GLOBAL CRISES ON STATISTICAL SYSTEMS</b>  |                 |
| <b>9:30 – 9:35</b>   |          | Introductory comments by the Chair of the Seminar: Adelheid Burgi-Schmelz (IMF)  |                 |
| <b>9:35 – 10:00</b>  |          | Keynote speech: Philippe Moutot, Deputy Director General Economics, European Central Bank  | ECE/CES/2010/24 |
|  |          | <i>Session 1: Financial statistics, balance sheets and cross-border linkages</i><br>Session Organizer and Discussant: Robert Heath (IMF)   |                 |
|  |          | <i>Invited papers:</i>   |                 |
|  |          | Public finance and the financial crisis. What role should the statisticians and the NSOs play? (Statistics Norway)   | ECE/CES/2010/18 |
|  |          | The financial crisis and the need for better data (J. Steven Landefeld and Shaunda Villones, Bureau of Economic Analysis, United States Department of Commerce, United States)   | ECE/CES/2010/3  |
|  |          | Trade collapse, data gaps and the impact of the financial crisis on official statistics (Andreas Maurer, Hubert Escaith, Marc Auboin, World Trade Organization)                  | ECE/CES/2010/19 |
| <b>10:00 – 10:15</b>                                       |          | Presentation by the Session Organiser of key points from the invited papers and the main findings in the supporting papers   |                 |
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| <b>11:10 – 11:30</b>                                       |          | <i>Coffee/tea break</i>  |                 |
|  |          | <i>Session 2: Communication and timeliness</i><br>Session Organizer and Discussant: Dr. Bert Kroese (Statistics Netherlands)   |                 |
|  |          | <i>Invited papers:</i>   |                 |
|  |          | The timeliness dilemma in a small economy (Dallas Welch, Rachael Milicich, Statistics New Zealand)   | ECE/CES/2010/20 |
|  |          | In focus for the Romanian Official Statistics: economic and financial crisis (Vergil Voineagu, Ilie Dumitrescu, Daniela Stefanescu, National Institute of Statistics of Romania) | ECE/CES/2010/21 |
|  |          | <i>Supporting papers:</i>  |                 |
|  |          | Improving statistical timeliness or short-term forecasts? A French institutional experience (Alain Chappert, Éric Dubois, Benoît Heitz, INSEE, France)                           | ECE/CES/2010/27 |
|  |          | (UNSD)   | ECE/CES/2010/28 |
| <b>11:30 – 11:40</b>                                       |          | Presentation by the Session Organiser of key points from the invited papers and the main findings in the supporting papers   |                 |
| <b>11:40 – 11:50</b>                                       |          | Replies by invited authors to the questions raised by the Session Organiser  |                 |
| <b>11:50 – 12:30</b>                                       |          | General discussion   |                 |
| <b>12:30 – 14:30</b>                                       |          | <i>Lunch break</i>   |                 |
|  |          | <i>Session 2 - continued</i>   |                 |
| <b>14:30 – 14:40</b>                                       |          | General discussion - continued   |                 |
| <b>14:40 – 14:45</b>                                       |          | Short summary of the session by the Session Organiser  |                 |
|  |          | <i>Session 3: Social and household statistics</i><br>Session Organizer and Discussant: Paul Schreyer (OECD)  |                 |
|  |          | <i>Invited papers:</i>   |                 |
|  |          | Monitoring social change and the task of social statistics: Developments in the Netherlands (Paul van der Laan, Wim van Nunspeet, Statistics Netherlands)                        | ECE/CES/2010/22 |
|  |          | The Swedish economy during two crises (Petter Hällberg, Krister Näsen, Statistics Sweden)  | ECE/CES/2010/26 |
|  |          | Lessons derived from the crisis for social statistics (Inna Steinbuka, Eurostat)   | ECE/CES/2010/23 |

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| <b>15:55 – 16:00</b>                                       |           | Short summary of the session by the Session Organiser  |                 |
| <b>16:00 – 16:15</b>                                       |           | <i>Coffee/tea break</i>  |                 |
|  |           | <i>Session 4: Conclusions and recommendations for follow up work</i><br>Session Chair: Adelheid Burgi-Schmelz (IMF)                              |                 |
| <b>16:15 – 16:35</b>                                       |           | General discussion   |                 |
| <b>16:35 – 16:45</b>                                       |           | Concluding remarks by the Chair of the Seminar   |                 |
| <b>16:45 – 16:50</b>                                       | <b>8</b>  | <b>SELECTION OF TOPICS ON FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES OF STATISTICAL SYSTEMS AND ON EMERGING ISSUES TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE 2011CES PLENARY SESSION</b> | ECE/CES/2010/10 |
| <b>16:50 – 17:00</b>                                       | <b>9</b>  | <b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>  |                 |
| <b>17:00 – 17:30</b>                                       | <b>10</b> | <b>ADOPTION OF THE REPORT</b>  | Draft report    |