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FINAL REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON AGEING-RELATED STATISTICS

Prepared by the Secretariat

*The Task Force on Ageing-related Statistics has prepared its final report, including the recommendations on ageing-related statistics, presented in document ECE/CES/BUR/2015/OCT/20/Add.1. **The Bureau decided that the document can be circulated for CES consultation with a view to being presented to the CES 2016 plenary session for endorsement.***

1. The Task Force on Ageing-related Statistics was established by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) in February 2013 with the objective to improve the availability, accessibility and comparability of statistical data in support of ageing-related policymaking.
2. The Task Force includes representatives from national statistical offices of Australia, Azerbaijan, Canada, Georgia, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Slovakia, Switzerland, United Kingdom (Ms. Emma Wright chairs the Task Force) and United States; from ministries and government agencies dealing with ageing-related policies in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic and Serbia; and from CISSTAT, Eurostat, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, European Centre of Gerontology and the University of Southampton. The Task Force worked over two and a half years and held two face-to-face meetings in November 2013 and 2014 in Geneva.
3. The Recommendations present the work done by this Task Force. It represents the outcome of a detailed consideration of the kinds of ageing-related statistics that are needed, what is currently available for countries of the UNECE region, and proposals on what remains to be done to bridge the gaps. It provides guidance to national statistical offices on how to improve the collection, production and dissemination of ageing-related statistics. Chapter 9 of the report includes specific recommendations to national statistical offices.
4. **The Bureau is invited to review and comment on the report, and to decide whether the document can be sent for electronic consultation to all CES member countries.** If the outcome of the CES consultation is positive, the Recommendations will be submitted to the CES 2016 plenary session for endorsement.

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