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## Off the press ...

### **A Teen Guide to Internet**

The UNECE just released a new publication: «The Musketeers Conquer the Net – A 'teen' guide to getting online». This brochure is published in the context of the World Summit on the Information Society. «We hope that it will lead teenagers to discover the Net and show them how they can use the World Wide Web in a safe and fun manner. Through the Internet, they will be able to make friends all over the world and thereby build a more peaceful future” stressed Mrs. Brigita Schmögnerová, Under-Secretary General, UNECE Executive Secretary.

The lively dialogues of this brochure recount the adventures of four teenagers who, thanks to Internet, maintain links between themselves while separated by thousands of kilometres. Oksana and Mikhail live in Malyia Avtsiuki in Belarus, they have been staying with Julietta and Carlo from Gassino Torinese in Italy during an exchange organized by an Italian NGO «Comitato Girotondo». Their adventures and misadventures while surfing on the Net will allow young readers – and the less young too – to discover the fascinating and dangerous world of the World Wide Web. A young lady of 14 who lives near Geneva



has illustrated the brochure, which was prepared in cooperation with teenagers aged between 10 and 16 and computer science teachers. Aimed at a public of teenagers who are starting to discover Internet, the brochure is partly based on a true story. It is part of the UNECE activities aimed at promoting youth training. The brochure is available in English, French, Russian and Spanish from the UN Sales Section.

### **Recovery of forest products markets in the UNECE region**

The draft of the UNECE/FAO *Forest Products Annual Market Analysis, 2002-2004* has just been released. It covers forest products market and policy developments in the UNECE region of Europe, North America and the CIS countries. It begins with an overview, followed by a chapter on the policy implications of forest products market developments. These are followed by analyses of the economic factors affecting the forest and forest industries sector. Statistics-based chapters are included for markets of sawn softwood, sawn hardwood, wood-based panels, paper, paperboard and woodpulp, wood raw materials and tropical timber. Other chapters highlight the rapid developments in forest products certification, as well as value-added wood products, e.g. furniture. Among its main findings are that markets for forest

products in the UNECE region turned upwards in 2002, overcoming the dip in 2001, achieving some record levels. Markets in the Central and Eastern European countries and the Balkans exhibited strong, continuing recovery in 2002, and for some products, pre-transition levels were attained. Consumption of wood energy in the EU/EFTA rose to a record level in 2002, leading panel and pulp manufacturers to express concern about competition for their raw material. Sawn softwood consumption, production and trade rose to record levels in the UNECE region in 2002, but sawn hardwood demand peaked in 1999 and has since been falling.

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## Coming up soon ...

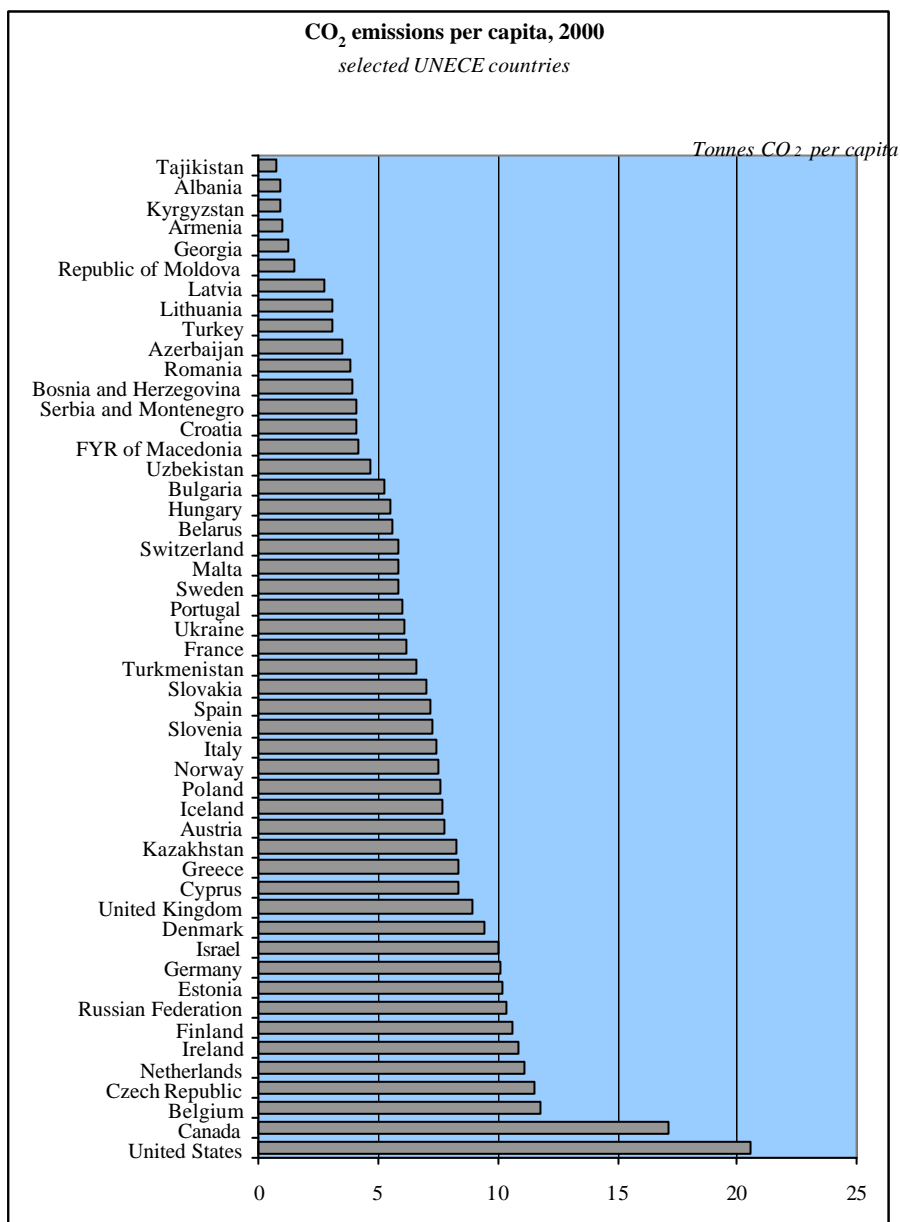
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| 15 September    | Working Party on Pollution and Energy          |
| 15-17 September | Committee on Human Settlements                 |
| 15-19 September | Working Party on Lighting and Light-signalling |
| 16-19 September | Working Group on Strategies and Review         |

## It's just happened ...

### Towards Better Governance of International Statistics

The Second Meeting of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA) took place in Geneva on 8-10 September. The CCSA (successor of the former ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities) is composed of international organisations that are active in statistics. At its second meeting, the Committee discussed the problems encountered in compiling global and regional aggregates of the Millennium Development Goals indicators, and issues arising from the lack of a clear governance structure for international statistics. Based on a paper prepared by the UNECE, it was decided that a group of international organizations, including UNECE, would draft a declaration of principles for statistical activities of international organisations, in analogy to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics adopted in 1992 that apply to official statistics at national level.

### Facts and figures:



Source: UNECE Statistical Division, based on data from CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Fuel Combustion, 2002. IEA Statistics, OECD.

Note: CO<sub>2</sub>, carbon dioxide, is the principal greenhouse gas. It is measured on the basis of the amounts of fuels burned. A number of developed countries have taken an obligation under the Kyoto Protocol to reduce their emissions of six greenhouse gases, including CO<sub>2</sub>, below the levels of 1990 emissions.

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