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STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (EUROSTAT)

#### CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

Joint ECE-EUROSTAT Work Session on Migration Statistics organised in cooperation with the UN Statistics Division (Geneva, 21-23 May 2001)

#### INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

#### Purpose of the Work Session

1. The Work Session is convened under the auspices of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) jointly with the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat). Its purpose is to help countries exchange experiences on the methods and techniques used for the collection, processing and dissemination of data related to migration statistics.

#### Participation and accreditation

- 2. Representatives of all member countries of the UN/ECE and of interested international organizations are welcome to participate in the Work Session. Participants from other Member States of the United Nations may also attend. All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country or international organization.
- 3. In order to facilitate the organization of the Work Session, the participants are asked to complete the attached registration form and send it to the UN/ECE secretariat.

#### Date and venue of the Work Session

4. The Work Session will be held in the Palais des Nations, 8-14, Avenue de la Paix, Geneva from 21-23 May 2001.

#### Work programme of the Work Session

- 5. The substantive items of the Work Session's agenda are:
  - (i) Progress in implementation of the UN Recommendations on International Migration Statistics (organised by Eurostat and UN/ECE)
  - (ii) Methods investigating inflows and outflows highlighting definitions, different data sources used, and checks made on coverage and reliability (organised by Lars Ostby, Norway)
  - (iii) Progress in the second phase of the MED-MIGR project (organised by Eurostat)
  - (iv) Cooperation between statistical offices and other ministries in developing new types of migration data (organised by Mr. Ari Paltiel and Ms. Tal, Israel)
  - (v) Strategies for developing statistics on international migration of workers (a strategy paper by the ILO)

#### Documentation and official languages

- 6. There are two main categories of papers, **invited papers** and **supporting papers**. Each of the agenda items will have a Session Organizer who will contact a small number of countries to ask them to prepare an invited paper for that item. These invited papers will provide the main basis for discussion. However, issues raised in the other papers that countries contribute to the Work Session (Supporting Papers) will also be discussed under that item.
- 7. The working language of the Work Session is English, and translation and interpretation facilities will not be available. The documentation will be reproduced only in the working languages of the Work Session in which they are submitted. The papers and other information related to the Work Session will be available at the UN/ECE Statistical Division's WWW site:

http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2001.05.migration.htm

8. Countries which intend to contribute a paper to the Work Session on any of the topics listed in para. 5 above should inform the UN/ECE secretariat about their intention and indicate the topic(s) to which the paper will relate. Papers should be a maximum of ten pages in length and 1 Mb in electronic form. They should be submitted to the ECE secretariat by <u>5 April 2000</u> in electronic form (a unique Word or Word Perfect file transmitted using e-mail or diskette) in English. Papers sent by e-mail should be sent to the following address:

migration.stat@unece.org.

#### Accommodation, passports and visas and travel arrangements

- 9. All participants attending the Work Session are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made to the embassy or consulate of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside. Visa applications should refer to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the joint UN/ECE-Eurostat Work Session on Migration Statistics. If a formal invitation letter is required by the embassy, this can be requested from the UN/ECE secretariat.
- 10. Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements.
- 11. Maps of Geneva, list of hotels and information for visitors of the Palais des Nations including the situation plan are available on the World Wide Web at:

http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.html

#### Registration

12. Participants are kindly requested to send their registration forms to the UN/ECE secretariat. They are also requested to arrive early enough to obtain their ID badges from the *Security Identification Office* (*Villa les Feuillantines*, 12, Avenue de la Paix) prior to the commencement of the Work Session. The Security Identification Office is open during workdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Please send this form by fax to the UN/ECE Statistical Division: +41 22 917 00 40



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# Meeting Registration Form Please Print

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