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Joint ECE-EUROSTAT Work Session on Migration Statistics
organised in cooperation with the UN Statistics Division
(Geneva, 28-30 April 2003)

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, and to facilitate progress by countries towards improved comparability of international 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 28-30 April 2003.

Work programme of the Work Session

5. The substantive items of the Work Session's agenda are:

- (i) First results on international migration from the 2000 round of population censuses, comparison with other sources and any indications on coverage and reliability -- Session Organizer: David Pearce (ONS, United Kingdom)
- (ii) Results of the pilot exercises on border card systems and work on residence permit systems carried out in 2002 in specific MED-MIGR and other countries, and the collection of international migration data from the MED-MIGR countries -- Session Organizer: Eurostat
- (iii) Estimates of undocumented migration and of other major categories of migrants not included in standard immigration and emigration statistics -- Session Organizer: David Thorogood (Eurostat)

- (iv) Synergies between international migration statistics and statistics on other topics with particular relevance to policy needs, including the need for international flow statistics in providing services across borders -- Session Organizer: Mary Chamie (United Nations Statistics Division)
- (v) Development of a regional strategy to promote progress by ECE and Eurostat countries towards complying more fully with the UN recommendations on international migration statistics -- Session Organizer: UNECE

Documentation and official languages

6. There are two main categories of papers, **invited papers** and **supporting papers**. Each of the agenda items has a Session Organizer who has contacted 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/2003.04.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 15 March 2003 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 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.

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Meeting Registration Form

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Joint UN/ECE-Eurostat Work Session on Migration Statistics, Geneva
28-30 April 2003

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Participant

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Ms. ☐
Miss. ☐

Participation Category

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From 28 April 2003

Until 30 April 2003

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