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(Paris, 10-12 June 2002)

Annotated provisional agenda of the 2002 plenary session

The plenary session will start at 14:30 on Monday 10 June. The meeting on Tuesday 11 June will take place from 9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30. The meeting on Wednesday 12 June will be devoted in large part to the 50th Anniversary Ceremonial Session, which will run from 9:30-13:00, and the afternoon session on 12 June will run from 15:00-17:30. The plenary session will be held in Salle 1 of the OECD premises in Paris. Delegates should arrive at the OECD Security Section at about 13:30 on Monday 10 June to allow time for security clearance and registration. More general information is given in document CES/2002/INF.1.

Documents for the meeting may be downloaded from the Web site that has been specially prepared for this meeting:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2002.06.ces.htm>

Introduction

1. The Conference's attention is drawn to agenda items 3, 4 and 5 that are the key items on the agenda of this year's plenary session.

2. **Item 3 - Integrated presentation and co-ordination of international statistical work in the ECE region:** The Bureau has selected Programme Element 2.2 Statistical Data Collection and Processing for an in-depth review to be discussed on the basis of papers that are to be contributed by Norway (CES/2002/7) and a paper prepared jointly by OECD and IMF (CES/2002/8).

3. **Item 4 – 50th Anniversary plenary session of the CES** is the topic for substantive discussion at this year's plenary session. The Bureau has decided to divide the time allocated for this agenda item into two sessions. The first session will focus on the CES in the past fifty years and will discuss two issues: (a) past and future and (b) the recent period and the role of the Fundamental Principles. It is being organised by Carlo Malaguerra who will also prepare the main paper for the session (CES/2002/10). The discussion will be also based on supporting papers to be distributed in their original language only.

4. The second session will focus on the present situation and possible scenarios for the future of the CES. The session is being organised by Ivan Fellegi. The discussion will be based on a paper prepared jointly by I. Fellegi and Y. Franchet (CES/2002/11) and supporting papers to be distributed in English only (CES/2002/12-18).

5. **Item 5 – Ceremonial part of the 50th anniversary plenary session.** The Executive Secretary of the UNECE, Mrs. Brigita Schmögnerová and the Secretary-General of OECD, Mr. Donald Johnston will address the Conference. Lord Moser, former Chairman of the Conference, will deliver a key-note address. This will be followed by a panel discussion. The ceremonial plenary session will last for half a day and is expected to finish at 13:00 on Wednesday, 12 June. The discussion that will take place after the ceremonial part is expected among other things to discuss the follow-up on the discussion that will take place the previous day under agenda item 4 concerning the future of the Conference.

6. The Conference is expected to complete its work by 16:40 on Wednesday, 12 June. The final 30 minutes of the plenary session will be devoted to the adoption of the report of the plenary session. The session is expected to finish its business by 17:30 on Wednesday.

7. The documents intended for discussion are listed in the agenda shown in the table on page 4. Annex I lists additional background documents that have been produced as part of the documentation of the plenary session. These background documents are NOT intended to be discussed at the plenary session, unless members of the Conference wish to do so in discussion under item 3 of the agenda. All the documents for the meeting will be distributed in the usual way, but they will also be available on the ECE World Wide Web page in English, French and Russian as they become available. The address is as follows:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2002.06.ces.htm>

8. **Item 6: Discussion of seminar follow-up.** During the afternoon session on Wednesday, 12 June, the Bureau is expected to make its proposal for the future format of the Conference based on the outcome of the Conference's discussion that will be devoted to the future of the Conference on Tuesday, 11 June and the panel discussion which will follow the ceremonial part of the anniversary plenary session during the morning session on Wednesday. The Bureau will also make its proposal for the topics for possible future seminar sessions.

Provisional agenda and timetable

Time	ten	Topic	Document
Monday, 10 June (14:30-17:30)			
14:30-14:50	1	OPENING ADDRESSES and ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	ECE/CES/61
14:50-15:05	2	MEETINGS OF THE PARENT BODIES OF THE CES	CES/2002/1
15:05-15:20		-The May 2002 session of the ECE -The March 2002 session of the UN Statistical Commission	CES/2002/2
15:20-15:25	3	INTEGRATED PRESENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL WORK IN THE ECE REGION	CES/2002/3 and Adda. 1-7
15:25-16:00		Chairman's introductory comments	CES/2002/7& CES/2002/8
16:00-16:20		Statistical data collection and processing (PE 2.2)	CES/2002/3 and Adda.1-7
16:20-17:00		Coffee/tea break	CES/2002/4 and 6
17:00-17:20		Comments on any of the remaining 40 or so programme elements	CES/2002/5
17:20-17:30		Prioritisation of the Statistical Division's and the CES' work programme	
Tuesday, 11 June (9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30)			
9:30-12:30	4	50th ANNIVERSARY PLENARY SESSION OF THE CES	CES/2002/10 & room documents
9:30-10:15		Introduction: CES in the past fifty years	
10:15-11:10		Past and future (1952-1989)	
11:10-11:30		Coffee/tea break	
11:30-12:30		The recent period and the role of the Fundamental Principles	
12:30-14:30		LUNCH	
14:30-17:30	4	Cont. 50th ANNIVERSARY PLENARY SESSION	CES/2002/11-18
14:30-15:15		The recent period and the role of the Fundamental Principles (cont.)	
15:15-17:15		Possible scenarios for future CES plenary sessions (incl. coffee break)	
17:15-17:30		Conclusions for follow-up discussion at the Panel Discussion on Wednesday 12 June	
Wednesday, 12 June (9:30-13:00 and 15:00-17:30)			
9:30-13:00	5	CEREMONIAL PART OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY PLENARY SESSION	---
9:30-11:00		Addresses by the ECE Executive Secretary and the Secretary General of OECD, and Key-note Address by Lord Moser, former Chairman of the CES from 1974 to 1975	---
11:00-11:25		Coffee/tea break	
11:25-13:00		A panel discussion on the issues raised under item 4 and 5	
13:00-15:00		LUNCH	
15:00-16:10	6	DISCUSSION OF SEMINAR FOLLOW-UP	---
16:10-16:40		Discussion of the Bureau's suggestions for practical follow-up	
16:40-17:05		Demonstration of the Integrated Presentation as a database	
17:05-17:30		Coffee/tea break	
17:05-17:30	7	ADOPTION OF THE REPORT	Draft report

Explanatory notes to the agenda**Item 1: Adoption of the agenda, and consideration of the procedures to be followed at the plenary session**

The Bureau of the Conference proposed this provisional agenda and timetable at its February 2002 meeting. The provisional agenda and timetable are presented in more detail in this document for the approval of the Conference. To help ensure that the plenary session is as short and as effective as possible, the procedures that the Conference approved at its 1994 session for improving the efficiency of the CES plenary sessions and applied at all subsequent sessions (CES/821) will be applied again during the 2002 session.

Item 2: Implications of meetings of the Conference's parent bodies**a) The May 2002 session of the Economic Commission for Europe**

Information on the discussions held at the May 2002 session of the Economic Commission for Europe and on resolutions and decisions taken at it that have a bearing on the work of the Conference will be presented in **CES/2002/1**.

b) The March 2002 meeting of the UN Statistical Commission

Information on the conclusions reached and on the decisions taken at the March 2002 meeting of the UN Statistical Commission that may have a bearing on the work of the Conference and on international statistical work affecting ECE, EU and OECD countries will be presented in **CES/2002/2**.

Item 3: Integrated presentation and co-ordination of international statistical work in the ECE region

In accordance with recent practice, under this agenda item the Conference will discuss one field of statistics that will be considered in greater detail, on the basis of papers that countries and international organisations have contributed as a basis for discussion. Details on the field of statistics and on the papers in question are outlined in the notes on agenda item 3 that are given in para. 2 of the introduction of this note.

This agenda item is also concerned with issues affecting the co-ordination of international statistical work relating to ECE, EU and OECD countries and with decisions that the Conference is expected to take on both its own work programme and the work programme of the ECE's Population Activities Unit at each plenary session. In addition, as part of its responsibilities for

co-ordinating international statistical work in the ECE region, under this agenda item the Conference is also expected, when it deems it appropriate, to offer guidance and advice to other international and supranational organisations and to other ECE Principal Subsidiary Bodies on the statistically-related work that they plan to undertake in their work programmes in the future that is relevant for ECE, Eurostat and OECD countries. To assist the Conference in performing these responsibilities, a considerable amount of **reference material** is presented in the Integrated Presentation on the planned future work of different international organisations in the 45 fields of statistics covered in the Integrated Presentation (**CES/2002/3 and addenda 1-7**). However, this reference material is not expected to figure prominently in the discussion. It should be noted that information is given in the Annex of **CES/2002/3** on the secretariat resources which are expected to be available to the ECE secretariat during the one-year period following the 2002 plenary session for servicing the Conference's work programme.

The complete Integrated Presentation is too large and too wide-ranging to produce in a single document. Therefore, it is presented in several addenda. Each of these documents contains brief descriptions of the conclusions reached by the Bureau in its review of the work that was carried out in the Conference's work programme since the 2001 plenary session and in its review of work planned to be carried out in the next two years. For convenience, these conclusions of the Bureau are also brought together and presented in summary form in a much shorter single document (**CES/2002/6**). In each field of statistics that is included in the Integrated Presentation, the Bureau's proposals for decisions by the Conference are also listed clearly, under a heading for these recommended decisions.

The Conference is also expected to discuss the new format of the Integrated Presentation which has been developed by the ECE secretariat on the basis of paper contributed by the secretariat (**CES/2002/4**).

Finally, under this agenda item the Conference is expected to review the proposed prioritisation of the Statistical Division's and the Conference's work programme, which the Bureau recommends that the Conference approve (**CES/2002/5**), for the transmission to the Economic Commission and its Group of Experts on the Programme of Work.

Document **CES/2002/3/Add.7** is also an important document. It contains up-to-date information on the outcome of work conducted in projects in the Conference's work programme during the period since the Bureau's meeting in February.

Item 6: Discussion of seminar follow-up

Under this agenda item the Conference is expected to discuss the issues raised during the Conference's discussion that will be devoted to the future of the Conference on Tuesday, 11 June and the panel discussion which will follow the ceremonial part of the anniversary plenary session during the morning session on Wednesday.

Item 7: Adoption of the report, and closing of the plenary session

The Conference is expected to adopt the report of the 2002 plenary session before it adjourns. To enable this to be accomplished as quickly as possible and during the limited time available, the Bureau has asked the secretariat to follow the same procedure that was used at recent plenary sessions. The report will therefore be short and will be limited as far as possible to decisions taken by the Conference during the course of the plenary session. Since the discussion that takes place at the Ceremonial part of the plenary session (agenda item 5) is similar to the seminar part of the plenary sessions where decisions are not generally taken by the Conference, the draft report will not include a summary of that discussion. However, as noted above, a summary of it will be prepared after the plenary session and mailed to all members of the Conference within about two weeks. That summary will also be incorporated in the final report of the plenary session that will be produced a month or so after the plenary session. The final report of the plenary session will also be made available on the ECE's Web site for the plenary session.

Delegates are asked to confine their suggestions for amendments to the report to those of a substantive nature (i.e. to correcting important errors or omissions). They are also asked to hand in any proposed new text in writing and if possible in English before the discussion of the adoption of the report.

The secretariat will distribute each part of the draft report as soon as it becomes available during the meeting, in each of ECE's three official working languages.

Annex I: List of background documents for the 2002 plenary session

The following supplementary documents contain **background information** for several items of the provisional agenda. They are listed below by agenda item number. The Bureau considers that none of the documents listed below need be discussed at the plenary session. The documents intended for **discussion** at the plenary session are listed in the table on page three of this document.

Agenda item 1

Procedures to be followed for ensuring efficient plenary sessions

Document

CES/821

Agenda item 3

Programme activity 1: Organisation and operation of statistical services

PE 1.2: Report of the October 2001 meeting of the CES Bureau	CES/BUR.2002/8
PE 1.2: Report of the February 2002 meeting of the CES Bureau	CES/BUR.2002/20
PE 1.2: Report of the seminar on fundamental principles of official statistics	CES/2002/29
PE 1.3: Report of the seminar on social monitoring of human development	CES/2002/30

Programme activity 2: Technical infrastructure and other cross-cutting issues

PE 2.1: Report of the April 2002 joint ECE/Eurostat seminar on integrated statistical information systems and related matters	CES/SEM.47/2
PE 2.2: Report of the February 2002 joint ECE/Eurostat work session on electronic data reporting	CES/2002/28
PE 2.2: Report of the May 2002 work session on statistical data editing	CES/2002/24
PE 2.3: Report of the March 2002 ECE/Eurostat work session on statistical metadata	CES/2002/23
PE 2.6: Report of the September 2001 work session on methodological issues involving the integration of statistics and geography	CES/2002/25

Programme activity 3: Economic statistics

PE 3.1: Report of the April 2002 joint ECE/Eurostat/OECD meeting on national accounts	CES/AC.68/2002/2
PE 3.9: Report of the November 2001 joint consultation on the ECP 2000	CES/2002/22
PE 3.9: Report on the November 2001 Joint ECE/ILO meeting on CPI	CES/AC.49/2001/2
PE 3.10: Report of the October 2001 joint meeting on food and agriculture statistics	CES/AC.61/2001/21
PE 3.14: Report of June 2001 joint ECE/Eurostat seminar on business registers	CES/SEM.46/2

Programme activity 4: Social and demographic statistics

PE 4.4: Report of the May 2002 joint ECE/Eurostat/ILO seminar on the
Measurement of the quality of employment

CES/SEM.48/2

Programme activity 5: Environment Statistics

PE. 5.1: Report of the October 2001 Work Session on environment statistics

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