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**UNECE/ILO/EUROSTAT TASK FORCE ON THE MEASUREMENT  
OF THE QUALITY OF EMPLOYMENT**

**PROGRESS REPORT**

**Note prepared by the Task Force on the Measurement of the Quality of Employment**

**BACKGROUND**

1. The Task Force on the Measurement of the Quality of Employment was established by the Bureau of the CES in June 2007. The Task Force was created following the recommendation of the April 2007 UNECE/ILO/Eurostat Seminar on the Quality of Work with the purpose of revising and streamlining the draft Conceptual Framework discussed at the Seminar of April 2007, and testing the feasibility (validity) of proposed indicators.

**ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE**

2. A Steering Committee composed of Canada (acting as Chair of the TF), ECE/Statistics, ILO and EC/Eurostat was constituted to lead and provide direction for the activities of the Task Force. The Committee met in October 2007 and set the work plan of the Task Force (see Annex 1).
3. The SC decided to proceed with redrafting the Conceptual Framework in two stages:
  - identification and description of the dimensions of employment;
  - identification of indicators for measuring quality of employment.
4. The dimensions part of the Conceptual Framework has been redrafted and is currently under review by the TF.
5. The Steering Committee has agreed on draft guidelines for the analysis of indicators in order to provide the TF with guidance for the analytical work its members will have to carry out at a later stage.
6. The TF has also succeeded to obtain from the European Commission a financial support for some activities.

**FURTHER WORK/THE NEXT STEPS**

7. At present, the work is progressing well according to the established plan. The next steps will be:

- development of a list of indicators for the identified dimensions of the Conceptual Framework;
- analytical work by the TF members, using the framework with national data, and reporting on the experience and lessons learned from this exercise;
- meeting of the TF (in June 2008) to discuss the refinement of the Conceptual Framework;
- comprehensive analytical work by a consultant, based on the refined Conceptual Framework;
- plenary meeting to discuss the output and findings of the TF work (Spring 2009).

## **EXPECTED OUTPUTS**

- An interim version of the framework on the measurement of the Quality of Employment to be presented to the International Conference of Labour Statisticians (May 2008), after electronic consultation with the Bureau.
- Final version of the framework to be examined in spring 2009 at a plenary session (January 2009).

## **ANNEX 1**

### **Work Plan for the Task Force on Quality of Employment**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Following the April 2007 UNECE/ILO/Eurostat Seminar on the Measurement of Quality of Work, a Task Force was created to further the work towards the creation of a framework of quality of employment statistics.
2. This Task Force was given its mandate by the Conference of European Statisticians in June 2007. Among the objectives of the Task Force were:
  - to refine the list of indicators developed by the previous task force, taking into consideration the proposals made at the seminar in April 2007;
  - to consider additional indicators including those for which data may not be currently available, as discussed at the seminar;
  - to test the newly created list of indicators against a set of criteria to be developed by the Task Force

#### **KEY OUTPUTS**

3. With these – and other – objectives in hand, the Task Force has been asked to report on its activities a couple of times over the next year and a half:
  - progress to the Conference of European Statisticians, February 2008;
  - interim report to the International Conference of Labour Statisticians, May 2008The final report of the Task Force will be tabled sometime in 2009, at a seminar on the topic of the measurement of quality of work.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE**

4. The Task Force is made up of a number of countries. It is chaired by Canada, with UNECE and ILO representation in a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will provide direction and coordination to the Task Force activities.
5. The following countries are represented in the Task Force: Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands and Poland. There is also representation from the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living Conditions, Eurostat, and EC-DG Employment.

**WORK PLAN AND KEY DATES:**

<b>Major Step</b>	<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Assigned to</b>	<b>Timeline/Deadline</b>
1 - Re-draft concepts paper	Meeting of Steering Committee	Steering Committee	October 2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of comments from April Meeting</li> <li>• Preparation of plan for re-drafting paper</li> <li>• Preparation of parameters for analytical work</li> <li>• Preparing communications plan for conference calls with Task Force</li> </ul>		
	Re-drafting of paper	Geoff Bowlby (Canada)	November 2007
	Review of re-drafted paper	Steering Committee	November 2007
	Review of re-drafted paper	Task Force	December 2007
2 – Analytical work	Conference Call or meeting to determine draft indicators	Steering Committee	February 2008
	Conference Calls to communicate plan, coordinate work	Task Force	February 2008
	Analytical work: Studying specific dimensions and proposed indicators	Task Force (one or more dimension per member)	February 2008 to April 2008
	Develop terms of reference for consultant	Sylvain Jouhette (Eurostat) with Steering Committee	February 2008
	Creating new version of the framework (integrating analytical work of the Task Force)	Steering Committee	May 2008
3 – Meeting of the Task Force	Meet to discuss new framework, prepare for consultant's report	Task Force, Consultant	June 2008

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4 – Analytical work by consultant	Analytical work: Studying general appropriateness of the framework	Consultant	June 2008 to August 2008
5 – Meeting of the Task Force	Meet in conjunction with 2008 ICLS	Task Force	Autumn 2008
6 – Seminar on the Measurement of Quality of Employment	Meet to discuss and approve final framework and indicators	UNECE member countries	Spring 2009
7 - Reporting	Progress report to the Conference of European Statisticians	Steering Committee	February 2008
	Draft interim report to ICLS	Steering Committee	April 2008
	Review of draft interim report	Task Force	April 2008
	Submission of interim report to ICLS	Steering Committee	May 2008

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