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**DATABASE OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES
IN THE UNECE REGION (DISA)
Year 2009**

Note prepared by the UNECE secretariat

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Database of International Statistical Activities is a compendium of **statistical work** carried out by international organizations in the UNECE region. The UNECE Statistical Division has been compiling the information at the request of the Conference since 1991. As from 2002, it is available on the web at:

<http://unece.unog.ch/disa/>

II. CLASSIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES

2. The Database is based on the classification of statistical activities adopted by the Bureau in October 2005. The statistical activities are divided into five main subject areas: demographic and social statistics; economic statistics; environment and multi-domain statistics; methodology of data collection, processing, dissemination and analysis; and strategic and managerial issues of official statistics. These are further refined and categorised under 56 sub-headings. **This year a new sub-heading 3.3.7 Climate Change has been added in DISA to reflect the increasing work of the organizations in this area.**

III. SOFTWARE PLATFORM

3. In order to respond to the new developments in technology, the secretariat is upgrading the Database to a new software platform. In the longer term, this should present a more modern look and functionality as well as better protect the data. Currently, the website is being re-engineered in order to make a coherent transition from the old to the new platform. Improvements and tests are still underway as the Database is made public.

IV. CURRENT STATUS

4. **The 2009 issue of the Database will be made available online by 31 January 2009.**

5. Over 30 international organizations (including city groups) were contacted to obtain contributions for 2009. The UNECE has received inputs from twenty-nine of them. The World Tourism Organization has confirmed that they are going to send their contribution by 6 February.

The contributions of OECD, European Environment Agency and International Energy Agency have been delayed. The only remaining organization which did not reply is the ITF on Trade in Services. The information received from the contributing organizations has been classified, checked for consistency and entered in DISA.

ANNEX

List of organizations and groups included in the
UNECE Database of International Statistical Activities
(status as of 30 January 2009)

Eurostat - Statistical Office of the European Union
OECD - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (to be received on 30 Jan.)
UNECE - UN Economic Commission for Europe
CIS-STAT - Interstate Statistical Committee of the CIS
ECB - European Central Bank
EEA - European Environment Agency (2009 input delayed)
EFTA - European Free Trade Association
IWG on Price Statistics
FAO - UN Food and Agriculture International
IEA - International Energy Agency (2009 input delayed)
ILO - International Labour Organisation
IMF - International Monetary Fund
IOM - International Organisation for Migration
ITU - International Telecommunication Union
UN Statistics Division - United Nations Statistical Division
UNCTAD - UN Conference on Trade and Development
UNESCO - UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR - UN High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF - UN International Children's Emergency Fund
UNICEF - Regional Office for CEE/CIS countries
UNIDO - UN Industrial Development Organization
UNODC - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UN Population Division
WHO - Euro - World Health Organization - Regional Office for Europe
WHO - HQ - World Health Organization - Headquarters
World Bank
World Trade Organisation
World Tourism Organisation (2009 input delayed)
ITF on Trade in Services (did not reply for 2009 contribution)
Voorburg Group on Service Statistics
London Group on Environmental Accounting
Ottawa Group on Price Indices
Paris 21 - Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century
Round Table on Business Survey Frames

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