

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

For decision

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Agenda

**CONSULTATION ON FURTHER WORK ON MEASURING POLITICAL AND  
OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING VOLUNTEERING**

**Prepared by the Secretariat**

*The present note presents the outcome of a consultation on follow-up work on political and other community activities, including volunteering. **The Bureau is invited to comment on the outcome of the consultation and advise the secretariat on further steps.***

**I. BACKGROUND**

1. In January 2013, the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) conducted an in-depth review of statistics on political and other community activities, including volunteering, based on a paper by Mexico. In follow-up, an outline for a possible CES seminar on this topic was circulated as part of the electronic consultation on the CES 2014 seminar topics. The topic received only ten votes in the consultation and was not selected for discussion at a CES seminar.

2. In January 2014, the CES Bureau requested the UNECE secretariat to consult with a small group of countries and organizations to develop a proposal on the way forward in this area, and report to the October 2014 Bureau meeting.

**II. CONSULTATION**

3. The secretariat contacted the ten<sup>1</sup> national and international statistical organizations that selected political and other community activities, including volunteering, as a possible 2014 CES seminar topic. The organizations were requested to indicate their opinion on the focus of an international effort in this area, and their readiness to contribute or lead the work.

4. Out of the eight responses received, three (Mexico, Poland and Sweden) expressed readiness to contribute to the development of a proposal on the way forward in measuring political and other community activities, including volunteering. However, no country volunteered to lead the preparation of a proposal on how to take the work forward.

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<sup>1</sup> Brazil, Italy, Mexico, Republic of Moldova, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United States and OECD