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Joint ECE-EUROSTAT-ESCWA work session
on Migration Statistics*
(Geneva, 8-10 May 2000)

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Purpose of the meeting

1. The meeting 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.

Participation and accreditation

2. Representatives of all member countries of the UN/ECE and of interested international organizations are welcome to participate in the meeting. 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 meeting, the participants are asked to complete the attached registration form and send it to the UN/ECE secretariat.

* The documentation for this work session will be processed as for seminars.

Date and venue of the meeting

4. The meeting will be held in the Palais des Nations, 8-14, Avenue de la Paix, Geneva from 8-10 May 2000.

Work programme of the meeting

5. The substantive items of the meeting agenda are:

- (i) Progress report on regional programmes of international migration statistics, with particular emphasis on Eurostat's EUROMED-migration project (Organiser: Mr. D. Pearce, United Kingdom);
- (ii) Studies of statistics on asylum seekers covering both cohort and period analysis (Organiser: Mr. M. Heniger, Switzerland);
- (iii) Plans for and experience in implementing the new (1998) set of UN Recommendations on International Migration Statistics, including developing of typologies with foreign background (Organisers: Ms. T. Chrissanthaki, Eurostat and Mr. J. Kelly, UN/ECE); and
- (iv) New developments in estimating migration flows, and particularly censuses, sample surveys and population registers (The Secretariat has asked Mr. H. Cruijsen and Mr. R. Verhoef, Netherlands, to organise this session).

Documentation and official languages

6. There are two main categories of papers, **invited papers** and **supporting papers**. Each of the agenda items will have a Session Organizer who will contact 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 meeting (Supporting Papers) will also be discussed under that item.

7. Because this meeting will consider, among other issues, topics of priority concern to countries in the Mediterranean region, this meeting will exceptionally be organised with English, French and Arabic interpretation and translation. The documentation will be reproduced only in the working languages of the meeting in which they are submitted. However, authors are requested to prepare short summaries of their papers, and they will be translated and issued in all three languages. The papers, their summaries and other information related to the meeting will be available at the UN/ECE

Statistical Division's WWW site: <http://www.unece.org/stats/>

8. Countries which intend to contribute a paper to the meeting 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 (1 Mb in electronic form), and they should be submitted to the ECE secretariat by 28 February 2000 in both electronic (a unique Word or Word Perfect file transmitted using e-mail or diskette) and paper form in English, French or Arabic, together with a two-page summary that should reach the secretariat by 8 February 2000 (the papers will not be translated, but the summaries will be). 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 meeting 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 meeting 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 including the situation plan 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 meeting. 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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