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(Geneva, 27-29 May 2002)

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REPORT OF THE MAY 2002 SEMINAR ON MEASUREMENT OF THE QUALITY OF EMPLOYMENT

Introduction

1. The Joint ECE-Eurostat-ILO Seminar on Measurement of the Quality of Employment was held in Geneva from 27 to 29 May 2002. It was attended by delegates from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States. The European Commission was represented by Eurostat. Representatives of the International Labour Office (ILO) were present.
2. The provisional agenda was adopted.
3. Ms. Brigitte Buhmann (Switzerland) was elected Chairperson of the meeting.

Organisation of the meeting

4. The following substantive topics were considered in separate sessions at the meeting on the basis of 21 invited and supporting papers:

Session I: Forms of employment: measurement framework and data evaluation (Organiser: ILO)

Session II: Indicators of employment quality (Organiser: Eurostat)

Session III: Occupational health and safety (Organiser: ECE)

Session IV: Social dialogue (Organiser: ILO)

Recommendations for future work

5. The meeting recommended that a further joint ECE-Eurostat-ILO Seminar on Measurement of the Quality of Employment be organised in approximately two years' time, subject to the approval of the Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau. It recommended, therefore, that the following text be included in the Conference's work programme:
 - I. Access to the labour market, social exclusion.
 - II. Inadequate employment situations (skill-related, income-related, etc.).
 - III. Non-discrimination at work or in access to work (sex, age, education, ethnic origin, migration status, balance between work and family life, etc.).
 - IV. Workers representation and participation.
 6. Seminar on Measurement of the Quality of Employment (jointly with Eurostat and ILO – timing of the meeting to be proposed to the CES Bureau based on consultations to take place between ILO and Eurostat), on the theme “Equitable opportunities for employment: conceptual and methodological issues”, to consider the following topics:
 - I. Access to the labour market, social exclusion.
 - II. Inadequate employment situations (skill-related, income-related, etc.).
 - III. Non-discrimination at work or in access to work (sex, age, education, ethnic origin, migration status, balance between work and family life, etc.).
 - IV. Workers representation and participation.
 7. The meeting also recommended that the planning and preparatory work for the meeting commence in 2002/2003 by the organisations concerned.
 8. The participants adopted the report of the meeting at its closing session. Other conclusions that participants reached at the meeting on the above topics will be presented in a separate report to be prepared after the meeting and distributed to participants before the end of June 2002 (in English only).
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