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**METHODOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND HARMONIZATION OF TRANSPORT
STATISTICS PROPOSALS FOR WORKSHOPS**

Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands

Note: In relation to the Working Party's discussion about the improvement in the methodology and harmonisation of standards in statistics, the Government of the Netherlands is submitting this document which contains an offer to host an ad hoc workshop on the issue of long-distance bus transportation.

This workshop would take place on 29 November 2006 in Maastricht, the Netherlands. If this workshop is approved by the Working Party, the deadline for the submission of documents both to the secretariat and to the host (in English only) is proposed to be 1 November 2006.

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Since there is no international statistical law, many countries do not collect information about long distance travelling by buses. Nevertheless, there is a growing need for figures on this topic. National and international organisations need to complete their overview on traffic and transport performance. However, there are still some countries that collect this information.

To exchange information on existing or possible future methods, Statistics Netherlands proposes to host an ad hoc meeting on this topic.

If this meeting is approved by the WP.6, countries are invited to come to Maastricht, Netherlands on 29 November 2006.
