

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

Report of the Bureau meeting

Madrid, 16 September 1999

1. The Bureau met on 16 September 1999, immediately after the thirty-third session of the Subcommittee, to follow-up decisions made by the Subcommittee during the session. The Bureau took the following actions:

(a) Agenda for the thirty-fourth session

2. The Bureau decided to add an item on the UNDP Human Development Report; it will cover the results of approaches by organizations to UNDP concerning UNDP's use in the Human Development Report of statistics provided by the organizations.

3. The Bureau decided to continue the practice of making a half day available during the session for bilateral and multilateral discussions. The Bureau decided to consider at a later Bureau meeting, the suggestion of having a "round table" presentation of new developments in organizations as part of the half day set aside for consultations.

4. The Bureau decided that the agenda item "Policy on dissemination of statistics in electronic form" should be made a special issue and given adequate time; a person from an agency with experience in the use of Internet for dissemination of statistics should be invited to give a presentation. Mr. Habermann offered to contact Ms. Judith Lowe who is someone experienced in the Internet field, and who might be prepared to make a presentation on the subject. Some observations were made as follows: (i) the item should be limited to Internet dissemination only, (ii) it should cover how to determine the type and amount of information to be made available, extraction facilities to allow choices/selections, and pricing, (iii) using the Internet to establish a "single point of entry" into an organization and directing inquirers to the right place, and (iv) a possible "one stop shop" for data maintained by all the international organizations.

5. When the Subcommittee placed the item mentioned in para. 4 above on the agenda, the Subcommittee requested organizations to prepare reports on their policies, including proposals on desirable policies; the Bureau considered that the reports should be structured, and also considered that the issues listed in para. 4 above provided initial ideas for the structure.

(b) Classification of statistics and statistical activities

6. Mr. Mehran and Mr. Jones agreed to prepare a letter to the Chairman of the Conference of European Statisticians forwarding the proposals that had been finalized by the Subcommittee to make the two classifications 1/ correspond with each other; Mr. Mehran agreed to contact Mr. Garonna and inform him of developments.

Notes

1/ The revised statistics part of the ACC Programme Classification and the classification used in the integrated presentation of statistical programmes of the ECE, OECD and EUROSTAT.

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