
HARMONIZATION OF THE BASE YEAR FOR INDEX NUMBERS

Note by UNCTAD

At its 2nd meeting held in Geneva in September 2003, the CCSA recommended international organizations to rebase by the end of 2005 their index numbers using 2000 as base year. As agreed during the 3rd meeting of the Committee held in New York on 1 March 2004, UNCTAD sent to CCSA members in June 2004 a questionnaire in order to update the annex to document SA/2003/10 presenting the status of the rebasement of index numbers.

The review shows that:

- most of rebasement actions announced in 2003 have been completed or are in progress of completion;
- a large number of the index numbers will be rebased by the end of 2004 and the rest, with a few exceptions, by the end of 2005.

The CCSA is invited to:

- Take note of substantial progress made by international organizations in the implementation of its recommendation to rebase by the end of 2005 the index numbers;
- Evaluate, if needed, possible initiatives in order to support international organizations facing difficulties in the rebasement of some of their index numbers due to the shortage of data, difficulties with respect to legal frameworks or intra-institutional competencies.