

ISSUES RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCES
AND INTERSECRETARIAT WORKING GROUPS

TASK FORCE ON STATISTICS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Report on coordination issues by OECD,
convener of the Task Force

1. The main current task of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services is to oversee the drafting of the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services.
 2. The active members of the Task Force and their co-ordination roles vis-a-vis the Manual are:
 - IMF: responsible for co-ordination with the BPM5 manual;
 - UNSD: responsible for co-ordination with regard to CPC and ISIC;
 - WTO: responsible for co-ordination with regard to statistical requirements concerning the General Agreement on Trade in Service (GATS);
 - Eurostat and OECD: responsible for co-ordination with regard to work in the two organisations on collection of statistics and systems development for FATS, globalisation and international trade in services.
 3. In addition the Task Force is in regular contact with ILO and UNCTAD who will produce an annex for the manual on the GATS "mode 4 - presence of natural persons".
 4. There are no outstanding issues of co-ordination.
 5. The report of the latest meeting of the Task Force (Frankfurt 11-13 November 1998) is being separately distributed.
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