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THE STATISTICS PART OF ACC PROGRAMMES CLASSIFICATION

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1. One aspect of statistical coordination is to improve the coherence and usefulness of official data published on specific subject-matters. For this purpose, the ACC programme classification of statistical activities needs to be structured in such a way so as to be useful, mainly for the identification of statistical topics which require international coordination, but also, for use by Governments and private sector statistical communities.
2. A current classification exists. It was reviewed at the 1995 session of the ACC Sub-Committee on Statistical Activities who noted that it could be improved in terms of detail and clarity. Specific suggestions made by the members of the Sub-Committee led to an improved classification (see Annex I).
3. In order to examine the current and proposed classifications in an objective way, we have listed the statistical topics on which data are collected by various agencies using the document entitled "Description of statistical data-collection activities". We have then tried to fit them into the classifications mentioned in para. 2 above.
4. From this exercise, the following three conclusions emerged:
 - i) A few categories should be added or deleted;
 - ii) The contents of each category should be clarified;
 - iii) Agreement should be reached on subject-matters that could be classified under more than one category.
5. With regard to i), social services could be deleted as it covered only expenditure and receipts for social protection of old aged, disabled, survivors and families. The group could be

combined with social security under the general heading of "Social Protection". Also, no activities were listed either under "Status of Women" in spite of the fact that gender is an important aspect of various data-collection activities or under "Storage". In the case of "Statistics of women", they are economic as well as demographic and social in nature and therefore are presented as a sub-category of General Statistics.

6. As concern ii), General Statistics should cover multi-subject products as well as those activities that cut across various statistical topics, e.g. household surveys, establishment surveys, sampling.

7. With respect to iii), an agreement would have to be reached as to the priority aspect for classification purposes. Thus, in the case of food prices, agricultural prices, energy prices and prices of building materials, it could be argued that the priority aspect (for coordination) is prices and that all these items should be included under 0.31-14 Prices. Alternatively, each topic could be classified respectively under Agriculture, Energy and Construction.

8. Based on the above considerations, a modified form of the Proposed classifications is given in Annex II together with notes on the topics that could be included under each category. This could be used for further discussions and improvements of the classification.

<u>Current classification</u>	<u>Proposed classification (original)</u>
030. General statistics	030. General statistics
031. Demographic and social statistics	031. Demographic and social statistics
1. Social services	1. Social services
2. Population	2. Population
3. Housing	3. Housing
4. Labour	4. Labour
5. Education	5. Education
6. Culture and mass communication	6. Culture and mass communication
7. Health	7. Health
8. Distribution of income & consumption	8. Distribution of income & consumption
9. Social Security	9. Social Security
10. Poverty monitoring	10. Status of women
11. Role of women	11. Other social, demographic and related statistics
12. Other social, demographic and related statistics	
031. Economic statistics	031. Economic statistics
1. National accounts	1. National accounts
2. Agriculture	2. Agriculture
3. Forestry and fishery	3. Forestry and fishery
4. Industry	4. Industry
5. Energy	5. Energy
6. Services	6. Services
7. Construction	7. Construction
8. Trade	8. Trade
9. Transport	9. Transport
10. Storage	10. Storage
11. Communication and tourism	11. Communication and tourism
12. Money and banking, interest rates and other private finance, public sector finance, balance of payments	12. Money statistics
	13. Fiscal statistics
	14. Balance of payments statistics
	15. Prices, inc. ICP

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| | and external debt,
exchange rates and
capital flows | 16. | Science and technology |
| | | 17. | Other economic
statistics |
| 13. | Prices, inc. ICP | | |
| 14. | Industrial property | | |
| 15. | Science & technology | | |
| 16. | Other economic statistics | | |
| 032. | Other statistics | 032. | Other statistics |
| | 1. Environment | | 1. Environment statistics |
| | 2. Meteorological statistics | | 2. Meteorological statistics |
| | 3. Statistical capacity-building | | 3. Other statistics, n.e.c. |
| | 4. Other statistics, n.e.c. | | |

Proposed classification (modified)

	<u>Categories</u>	<u>Notes</u>
030.	<u>General Statistics</u>	
	1. Overall statistical capability building	
	2. General statistical training	
	3. Multi-topic statistical compendia	
	4. Electronic data processing and information system	
	5. Household surveys	
	6. Sampling	
	7. Establishment surveys	
	8. Statistics of women	
	9. Services for general multi-subject discussions	
	10. Coordination, harmonisation, etc. ,	
	11. Other general statistics	
031.1	<u>Demographic and social statistics</u>	
	1. Population and demographic statistics	Population statistics including estimates and projections, civil registration, vital statistics (excluding labour force included under 031.3). International migration.
	2. Housing	Stock and characteristics of living quarters (residential buildings); statistics of human settlements.
	3. Labour	Labour force, employment, unemployment, underemployment, hours of work, working time, volume of work, wages/earnings (incl. occupational wages and earnings in various branches of economic activity, e.g. earnings in agriculture), labour cost, accidents at work and occupational injuries.

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| 4. | Education | Education statistics. |
| 5. | Culture and mass communication | Press, films, cinemas, radio and TV, books, cultural activities, libraries, museums, archives. Sports statistics. |
| 6. | Health | Morbidity and epidemiological statistics, health services, occupational diseases. Nutrition statistics. Disability statistics. |
| 7. | Distribution of income and consumption | Incomes; household income and expenditure; Poverty monitoring (Poverty indicators). |
| 8. | Social protection | Social Security contributions; social protection (old age, disabled, survivors; family, etc.); food aid. |
| 9. | Other social, demographic and related statistics (parts of which could be presented as separate categories) | Crime; population, demographic and other social data not elsewhere classifiable. |

031.2 Economic statistics

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| 1. | National Accounts | National Accounts; Government accounts; Accounts of other institutional sectors; GDP; Input/output tables. National wealth. |
| 2. | Agriculture | Agricultural production; fertilizer consumption; economic accounts of agriculture; structure of agricultural holdings; production of cereals, vegetables, fruits, cattle, animal products, etc.; prices paid and received by farmers; harvest forecasts; animal health; oil seeds, oil & oil cakes; hard fibres; food/crop situation; food commodities; food balance sheets. |
| 3. | Forestry and fishing | Timber; forest fires; forest products; waste paper; pulp, paper & paper board; Fish, fishing fleets; preserved and processed fish. |
| 4. | Manufacturing | Industrial commodity production; index of industrial production; steel, iron, tin, tungsten, etc.; chemical/engineering industries. |

5. Mining and Energy Energy; solid fuel; gas; electricity & heat; natural gas; uranium; power generation costs; energy consumption; oil, electricity generation, nuclear power; production of building materials such as sand, stone, etc.
6. Construction Production of building materials such as bricks and manufactured products such as plumbing, heating, cooling, lifts, etc. New non-residential buildings. Value of construction put in place.
7. Trade International trade; imports and exports of specific industrial commodities or of agricultural commodities. Imports and customs duties. Retail trades and distributions.
8. Transport Railway and road transport; oil pipeline transport; civil aircraft; airline traffic; air accidents; maritime transport; inland water way; goods transported; road traffic accidents.
9. Communication Telephone, telegraph, radio, television, other media; postal and delivery services.
10. Tourism Travel, hotels, motels, restaurants, camping, etc.
11. Services Services production and dissemination including business services such as engineering architectural, real estate, advertising, computer services, information services.
12. Money, Finance and Insurance Flows of financial resources, insurance and reinsurance; external debt; financial accounts, financial and monetary indicators; capital movements. Banking statistics.
13. Fiscal statistics Revenue statistics; taxes; public expenditures; public debt statistics.
14. Balance of payments Statistics of balance of payments.
15. Prices including ICP Consumer prices; consumer price indices; wholesale price index; ICP; food prices; agricultural prices; forest product prices; energy prices; price indices of building materials.
16. Science & Technology Scientific research and development; R & D statistics.

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| 17. | Other Economic Statistics | Patents; trade marks; industrial designs; economic data not elsewhere classifiable; financial market statistics including prices of stocks, bonds and commodities, indexes of stock markets and other prices; derivatives. |
| 032. | <u>Other statistics</u> | |
| 1. | Environment | Environment statistics |
| 2. | Meteorological | Meteorological statistics |
| 3. | Other | Data not elsewhere classifiable |