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THE STATISTICS PART OF ACC PROGRAMMES CLASSIFICATION

Note by ILO

1. The Bureau of the ACC Subcommittee at its last meeting considered this item of the agenda on the basis of a report prepared by the ILO, ISI and ESCAP, containing a proposed revised classification. The Bureau agreed on certain changes in the proposed revised classification and requested the ILO to prepare a correlation between the classification and the classification used in the integrated presentation of ECE, OECD and EUROSTAT. The Bureau also requested ILO, ISI and ESCAP to prepare a revised report for the Subcommittee's thirty-first session incorporating the agreed changes and other comments received by members of the Bureau. (See Report of the Bureau on its meeting (New York 10 February 1997), SA/1, 11 March 1997, para. 2 and sub-para. (a)-(f).)

2. Annex 1 of the present paper provides a correlation between the statistics part of the proposed ACC Programme Classification and the classification used in the integrated presentation of programmes of ECE, OECD and EUROSTAT, in which the changes suggested by the Bureau have been incorporated in the ACC classification presented on the left hand side of the annex.

3. The correlation brings into evidence certain differences which could be further harmonized, by making corresponding adjustments to the proposed ACC Classification. These could be accomplished at the thirty-first session of the Sub-committee, before preparing the ILO/ISI/ESCAP final report.

4. It can be noted that at the aggregate level, three of the five major groups of the proposed ACC Classification (031, 032 and 033) perfectly matches the ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT classification, except for the order and the numbering system. The main differences between the two classifications appear at the disaggregated levels. These are discussed below taking in turn each of the substantive major groups.

ACC

ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT

030 General statistics

1. Organization and operation of statistical services

2. Technical infrastructure and other cross-cutting issues

031 Demographic and social statistics

4. Social and demographic statistics

032 Economic statistics

3. Economic statistics

033 Natural resources and environment

5. Natural resources & environment statistics

034 Activities not classified

6. Dissemination and support for secretariat

Demographic and social statistics

5. With respect to "Demographic and Social Statistics", the proposed ACC classification is less elaborate (10 sub-groups) than the classification of ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT (15 sub-groups). All except two of the ACC sub-groups have identical or almost identical corresponding items in the ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT classification. Unless there are unapparent reasons for the differences, it is proposed to harmonise the headings of the two classifications for almost identical items. Thus, the following changes are proposed:

1. "Population and demographic statistics" to "Demographic statistics"
2. "Housing" to "Human settlements and housing statistics"
3. "Labour" to "labour statistics"
4. "Education" to "Education and training statistics"
5. "Culture and mass communication" to "Culture statistics"
8. "Health" to "Health statistics"

6. The two ACC sub-groups that have no counterpart or substantially different one in the ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT classification are:

6. "Distribution of income and consumption"
7. "Social security"

The ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT item corresponding to the ACC sub-group 6 has the heading "Statistics of household income and expenditures, of the welfare of the population, and of poverty and income inequality." The latter title seems to cover much more ground and may be adopted for the ACC classification. The closest counterpart to the ACC sub-group 7, Social security statistics, is "Crime and criminal justice statistics", two vastly different areas of statistics.

7. In addition to subject matter areas, the ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT classification recognises items on frameworks, sources of data, and particular population groups:

1. "Social indicators and frameworks"
3. "Multi-purpose social surveys"
4. "Registers and administrative records for social and demographic statistics"
5. "Population and housing censuses"
14. "Statistics on population groups of special interest"

Such items are not identified in the ACC classification, although in an earlier version they were suggested to be included in the major group "General statistics".

Economic statistics

8. With respect to economic statistics, there are also a number exact or quasi-exact matches between the two classifications. These are:

1. "National accounts"
6. "Energy statistics"

- 9. "Transport statistics"
- 11. "Tourism statistics"
- 16. "Prices statistics"
- 17. "Science, technology and patents"
- 18. "Other economic statistics"

9. In three areas, the ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT classification groups together items that are distinguished in the ACC classification. One area is "Agriculture statistics", distinguished into two sub-groups in the ACC classification:

- 2. "Agriculture"
- 3. "Forestry and fishing"

The second area is "Industrial statistics" with also two sub-groups in the ACC classification:

- 4. "Manufacturing"
- 5. "Mining"

The third area is "Money and banking, government finance, balance of payments" with three sub-groups in the ACC classification:

- 13. "Money, finance and insurance"
- 14. "Fiscal"
- 15. "Balance of payments"

10. In the case of trade statistics, the situation is reversed. The ACC classification includes one overall sub-group for three in the ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT classification:

- 8. "Trade"
- 5. "Distributive trade"
- 3. "International trade in goods"
- 6. "International trade in services"

11. For two ACC sub-groups (7. Construction) and (10. Communication) no counterparts can be found under economic statistics in the ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT classification. "Construction" may be included in the category "Human settlements and housing statistics" and "Communication" under "Culture and mass communication" within the classification of demographic and social statistics.

12. Vice versa, there is one item in the ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT classification for which there is no counterpart in the ACC classification. This is category 14. Business registers, administrative records in support of economic statistics.

13. The remaining ACC sub-group (12. Services) covers in fact those services activities not already included in other sub-groups of the classification. It could therefore be retitled as in the ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT classification as "Other marketed services."

Natural resources and environment

14. The correspondence between the two classifications in this area is slim. Against the ACC sub-group (1. Environment), there are three items in the ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT classification:

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| 1. "Environment" | 1. "Standards and frameworks for environmental data and indicators" |
| | 2. "Natural resources and environment accounting" |
| | 3. "Environmental database development and dissemination" |

15. At the ACC Bureau meeting of 10 February 1997, it was agreed that environmental accounts and national resource accounts should be included in national accounts within the major category of "Economic statistics". This decision could be reviewed in light of the treatment in the ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT classification.

16. The other sub-group in the ACC classification (2. Meteorological statistics) does not have a counterpart in the ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT classification. It presumably reflects the statistical activities carried out by the World Meteorological Organization.

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ANNEX 1

CORRELATION BETWEEN THE PROPOSED ACC PROGRAMME CLASSIFICATION - STATISTICS PART AND THE CLASSIFICATION USED IN THE INTEGRATED PRESENTATION OF PROGRAMMES OF ECE, OECD AND EUROSTAT

PROPOSED ACC CLASSIFICATION

ECE, OECD, EUROSTAT

030 General statistics

1. Organization and operation of statistical services

1. Issues of statistical policy
2. Transition countries
3. Promotion and coordination of international statistical work
4. Technical assistance to developing countries

2. Technical infrastructure and other cross-cutting issues

1. Management of statistical information technology
2. Statistical data collection and processing
3. Dissemination and interchange of statistical information
4. Industry, commodity and occupation classifications
5. Statistical methodology
6. Geography
7. Regional statistics
8. Training

031 Demographic and social statistics

4. Social and demographic statistics

1. Population and demographic statistics
2. Housing
3. Labour
4. Education
5. Culture and mass communication
6. Distribution of income and consumption

11. Demographic statistics (including projections, migration and fertility)
12. Human settlements and housing statistics
10. Labour statistics
8. Education and training statistics
9. Culture statistics
13. Statistics of household income and expenditures, of the welfare of the population, and of poverty and income inequality

7. Social security
8. Health
9. Gender statistics
10. Other social, demographic and related statistics

7. Crime and criminal justice statistics
6. Health statistics
2. Gender statistics
14. Statistics on population groups of special interest
- xx. Other work in the field of social and demographic statistics
 1. Social indicators and frameworks
 3. Multi-purpose social surveys
 4. Registers and administrative records for social and demographic statistics
 5. Population and housing censuses

032 Economic statistics

3. Economic statistics

1. National accounts
2. Agriculture
3. Forestry and fishing

1. Implementation of SNA
10. Agriculture statistics

- 4. Manufacturing
- 5. Mining
- 6. Energy
- 7. Construction
- 8. Trade

- 9. Transport
- 10. Communication
- 11. Tourism
- 12. Services
- 13. Money, Finance and Insurance
- 14. Fiscal
- 15. Balance of payments
- 16. Prices
- 17. Science, Technology and Patents

- 18. Other economic statistics

- 033 Natural resources and environment
 - 1. Environment
 - 2. Meteorological statistics

- 034 Activities not classified
 - 1. Statistical methodologies
 - 2. Data processing
 - 3. Other activities not classified

- 11. Industrial statistics
- 12. Energy statistics
 - 5. Distributive trades
 - 3. International trade in goods
 - 6. International trade in services
 - 4. Transport
 - 7. Tourism
 - 8. Other marketed services
 - 2. Money and banking, government finance, balance of payments
 - 9. Price statistics, ppp
 - 13. Science and technology
 - 14. Business registers, administrative records in support of economic statistics
 - xx. Other work in the field of economic statistics

- 5. Natural resources & environment statistics
 - 1. Standards and frameworks for environmental data and indicators
 - 2. Natural resources and environment accounting
 - 3. Environmental database development and dissemination

- 6. Dissemination and support for secretariat activities
 - 1. Dissemination of statistical data by secretariats
 - 2. Statistical support for other activities of the secretariats