

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

Report of the Bureau meeting

New York, 5 March 1999

1. The Bureau met on 5 March 1999, immediately after the thirtieth session of the Statistical Commission, to take further action on the tasks assigned to it by the Subcommittee at its thirty-second session, further to the Bureau's consideration of the matters at its meeting on 18 June 1998, and following relevant discussions at the Statistical Commission (1-5 March 1999). The Bureau took the following actions:

(a) The statistics part of the ACC Programme Classification

2. The Bureau reviewed a draft note prepared by ILO that set out changes that would have to be made in the ACC and the ECE/OECD/EUROSTAT classifications to bring them into correspondence. The Bureau requested ILO to send the note to members of the Subcommittee for comment (as had been previously requested by the Subcommittee) and prepare a draft letter by which the Chairman of the Subcommittee would send the (revised) note to the Chairman of the Conference of European Statisticians

for consideration.

(b) Coordination of development indicators in the context of follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

3. The Bureau recalled the discussion at the Commission session earlier in the week, the report that the UNSD had prepared entitled "A critical review of the development of indicators in the context of conference follow up" and requested the UNSD to report to the Subcommittee at its next session on the outcomes of the ECOSOC informal meeting on indicators scheduled for 10-11 May 1999

(c) Integrated presentation of the work plans of the international organizations in statistical methodology

4. ILO agreed to participate in the present data input into the data base. The Bureau recognized that the differences in the ACC and the ECE/OECD/EUROSTAT classifications of projects created a difficulty but that the data on outputs would have to be inputted according to the ACC Classification. UNSD confirmed that it would do this in respect of the ECE/OECD/EUROSTAT projects as well as its own.

(d) Proposals for a special topic for the thirty-third session

5. The Bureau recalled its decision at its previous meeting that no special search would be undertaken for a "special topic" in line with the original concept that the "special topic" would be occasional, emerging from the work and concerns of the Subcommittee". In the absence of proposals the Bureau decided that there would be no special topic for the thirty-third session.

(e) Agenda for the thirty-third session of the Subcommittee

6. The Bureau reviewed the provisional agenda that had been approved by the Subcommittee and the observations that the Bureau had made at its meeting on 18 June 1998. The Bureau adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Adoption of the report of the Subcommittee on its thirty-second session.
3. Matters arising from the thirty-second session of the

Subcommittee (reports of the Bureau on its intersessional meetings; note by the Secretariat on follow-up to the thirty-second session).

4. Classification of statistics and statistical activities (report by ILO and ESCAP).
5. Environment statistics (Oral report by the UNSD).
6. Global integrated presentation of methodological work of the international organizations in statistical methodology (report by the UNSD).
7. Issues related to the work of the task forces and the Intersecretariat Working Group on Prices (reports by the task forces and the Intersecretariat Working Group) (coordination issues only).
8. Coordination of development indicators in the context of follow-up to major UN conferences and summits (report by the UNSD).
9. Other matters relating to the Statistical Commission and its Working Group (report by the UNSD).

10. ACC Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections (report of the Subcommittee).
11. Bureau of the Subcommittee.
12. Dates, place and agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the Subcommittee.

7. In relation to item 7 "Issues related to the work of the task forces and the Intersecretariat Working Group on Prices" the Bureau decided that only issues of coordination should be taken up and the conveners of these groups should notify the Chairman in advance of any such issues.

8. The Bureau considered that, given the agenda, it might be possible to complete the thirty-third session in two days.

(f) Next meeting of the Bureau

9. The Bureau decided that its next meeting would be held immediately following the thirty-third session of the Subcommittee in September 1999.