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**Updated Provisional Agenda  
Expert Group Meeting on International Economic and Social Classifications  
New York, 15-17 November 1999**

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Annotated Provisional Agenda

**Monday 15 November**

**Morning**

10:00 a.m. – 12:30

Item 1. Opening of the meeting  
Mr. Hermann Habermann, Director of the Statistics Division

Item 2. Progress in work since the Fourth Meeting of the Expert Group and the thirtieth session of the Statistical Commission

*Review of work completed based upon the recommendations of the Fourth Expert Group and according to actions taken at the thirtieth session of the Statistical Commission*

Documentation:

Background Documents: United Nations E/CN.3/1999/16, E/CN.3/1999/17, E/CN.3/1999/18, E/CN.3/1999/L4.

Item 3. International Family of Economic and Social Classifications

*Strategies for making the Preamble (ESA/STAT/AC.63/18) more operational, while taking into consideration the existing coordinating mechanisms of classification custodians.*

Documentation:

Mandate and Organization of the Expert Group on International Economic and Social Classifications (ESA/STAT/AC.75/15);  
Proposal for a Technical Subgroup to the Expert Group (ESA/STAT/AC.75/9)  
Making the Preamble of the International Family of Economic and Social Classifications Operational: Some Proposals (ESA/STAT/AC.75/5).

## **Monday 15 November**

### **Afternoon**

2:00-5:30

Item 4a. Implementation of ISIC, Rev. 3

*Review of progress made and proposals for actions to improve the current version and implementation of ISIC, while taking into consideration an orchestrated timetable for updating and revising derived and related classifications.*

Documentation: ISIC Rev. 4: What Options do we Have? (ESA/STAT/AC.75/16); Reviewing and Redeveloping the International Standard Industrial Classification (ESA/STAT/AC.75/14); Background Documents: United Nations, E/CN.3/1999/16, E/CN.3/1999/17, ESA/STAT/AC.68/4;

Item 4b. Strategies for harmonization and convergence of activity classifications

*Formulation of strategies and action plans for convergence of major economic activity classifications and development of an orchestrated timetable for conducting the work.*

Documentation: Paper on Progress made in detailing the relationships among activity classifications: Report of a meeting of custodians of ISIC, NACE, ANZSIC and NAICS, Canberra Australia 5-6 October 1999 (ESA/STAT/AC.75/10).

## **Tuesday 16 November**

9:30 a.m. – 12:30

### **Morning**

Item 4c. Update on implementation and further development of the Central Product Classification (CPC, Version 1.0).

*Report of the progress made since the official publication of CPC Version 1.0 and proposals for further work.*

Documentation:

- Background documents: United Nations, E/CN.3/1999/16, paras. 41-53  
Background Paper to E/CN.3/1999/18
- Item 5. Actions regarding the International Family of Economic and Social Classifications

Documentation: The Updating and Revision Process of the Harmonized System (ESA/STAT/AC.75/6). Background Document: Handout on time line of classifications of the family.

- Item 6. Planning and coordination of training programmes and workshops on classifications

*This session explores various ways to increase effectiveness and coordination of training programmes on classifications*

Documentation: Classifications Training: An Update (ESA/STAT/AC.75/11), Statistical classifications in ILO's training activities for labour statistics (ESA/STAT/AC.75/12)

### **Afternoon**

2:00-5:30

- Item 7. Setting the agenda for future work on electronic communications and information dissemination on classifications

*Setting directions for the work on Classifications Hotline, UN Classifications Website, Classifications Newsletter and the on-line UN Virtual Expert Group discussion forum. Plans and initiatives of other custodians in the family*

Documentation: Proposal for Creation of a Virtual Classifications Forum (ESA/STAT/AC.75/13); Glossary of Classification Terminology (ESA/STAT/AC.75/8a and 8b); Background Documents: A Mechanism for the Exchange of Classifications for Development Purposes – The Use of XML; (ESA/STAT/AC.75/BKG.4); (ST/ESA/AC63/4, paras. 6,7,8; and UNSD background report to the thirtieth Session of the Statistical Commission);

## **Wednesday 17 November**

### **Morning**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Item 8. Progress and update on classifications of education, occupation, tourism, procurement and international trade in services.

*New developments and possible areas for collaboration and coordination among the members of the family. This session will consider how the unique attributes of one classification may be exchanged and shared with other classifications through coordination of the work of custodians.*

Documentation: Background Papers to be numbered as received.

- Item 9. Review of conclusions, recommendations and future actions of the Expert Group

### **Afternoon**

2:00 -

- Item 10. Final review and adoption of recommendations