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I. Purpose and organization

1. The United Nations Statistical Commission at its 39th session (26-29 February 2008) endorsed the initiative and strategy of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) to revise the existing recommendations for international merchandise trade statistics contained in *International Merchandise Trade Statistics, Concepts and Definitions, Revision 2* (IMTS, Rev.2) and requested that the draft revised recommendations be submitted to the Commission for adoption at its 41st session in 2010.
2. The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) established the Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (EG-IMTS) to assist in the revision process. The EG-IMTS met for the first time from 3 to 6 December 2007 in New York and selected 17 issues for which advice was needed at the global level in order to define the scope of the future revised recommendations. During 2008 and 2009 the EG-IMTS conducted a total of three virtual meetings. The first virtual meeting in December 2008 discussed the first draft text by UNSD on the critical issues of the IMTS revision and the second and third meeting in March and May 2009 discussed the first drafts of all chapters and the introduction.
3. The purpose of the second meeting of the EG-IMTS was to review and endorse the provisional draft of the revised recommendations for international merchandise trade statistics (IMTS2010) and to advise UNSD on the implementation programme of the revised recommendations and the future work programme of the EG-IMTS for the years 2010-2012, including the update of the *International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Compilers Manual* (IMTS Compilers Manual).
4. The agenda of the second meeting included a review of the results from the second stage of the worldwide consultation during which countries reviewed the full draft of the revised recommendations and provided numerous comments. The meeting discussed all chapters and annexes of the revised recommendations. The most important chapters were reviewed paragraph by paragraph. In addition, the meeting discussed the implementation programme for the revised recommendations and the suggested work programme of the EG-IMTS for 2010-2012 based on a report provided by UNSD.

II. Summary of the opening statement of the Director of UNSD

5. A written statement from Mr. Paul Cheung, Director, UNSD, was read to the participants. Mr. Cheung congratulated the EG-IMTS on the progress achieved so far in the preparation of the revised recommendation for this important area of statistics, expressed his appreciation for the active participation in three virtual meetings conducted during the last two years which made possible the timely preparation of the draft recommendations and noted that the strong support of the draft recommendations during the second stage of a worldwide consultation, in which more than one hundred countries participated, is a testimony of the hard work and professionalism of the EG-IMTS.

6. The Director noted with satisfaction that the revised recommendations not only cover the conceptual framework of international merchandise trade statistics and harmonize it better with other economic statistics, but address the issues of data sources, data compilation strategies, quality assurance and dissemination. Such a holistic approach is appreciated by countries which need guidance on the totality of the statistical process and promotes better cross country comparability of the resulting data. Mr. Paul Cheung pointed out that it is not possible to always reach consensus on all recommendations, but securing an endorsement of the provisional draft by a clear majority of countries is a commendable achievement and provides a solid ground for its finalization.
7. The Director explained that the main task of this meeting is to review the provisional draft of the recommendations and to assist UNSD in its finalization in light of the received county comments, so that the United Nations Statistical Commission will have before it in February next year a solid document ready for adoption.
8. The second important task is to advise UNSD on the implementation programme of the revised recommendations and the work programme of the EG-IMTS for 2010-2012. At the center of this programme is the preparation of the updated version of the *International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Compilers Manual*. This publication is intended to provide supplementary explanations and advice to assist countries in the correct interpretation of the revised recommendations and in their effective implementation under various circumstances.
9. To achieve the meetings goals and to ensure that the agenda items are taken up effectively, Mr. Paul Cheung pointed out that UNSD continued its policy of inviting to the Expert Group countries from different regions and with different experiences, circumstances and needs and he expressed his appreciation that participants accepted the invitation and came to the UN headquarters for four days of discussions. Mr. Paul Cheung also welcomed the representatives of the international and supranational organizations who are active in the production and use of trade statistics and whose input in the revision process is very much appreciated.
10. In conclusion, the Director expressed his conviction that the efforts of the Expert Group will result in high quality draft recommendations and wished them a productive and successful meeting.

III. Participation and Evaluation

11. A total of 21 participants from countries and international organizations (not counting UNSD) participated in this meeting (see Annex II for details). In general, the participants found that the Expert Group meeting was well organized and successful in achieving its stated objectives. With minor exceptions all participants rated all aspects of the meeting as either excellent or good.

IV. Conclusions

12. At its second meeting from 3 to 6 November 2009 in New York, the Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics endorsed the draft revised recommendations subject to several amendments and clarifications as provided in the following paragraphs 13 to 120.¹ The EG-IMTS:

A. General

13. Pointed out the importance of the IMTS Compilers Manual which will provide supplementary explanations and advice to assist countries in the correct interpretation of the revised recommendations and in their effective implementation under various circumstances.
14. Found that the replies of countries during the second round of worldwide consultation covered all regions and a large number of countries but that language constitutes a noticeable barrier for countries to respond.
15. Agreed to add an index and a glossary of acronyms.
16. Suggested, as a guideline, to separate conceptual from practical considerations in the recommendations.

B. Introduction

17. Para. 0.16: Agreed to update the text of this paragraph (together with StatCan).
18. Agreed to add an explanation of the meaning of the terms “recommended” and “encouraged” and to highlight both terms throughout the text in bold (there is no established definition but for the purpose of this manual the term “recommended” refers to a standard with which countries should comply while the term “encouraged” indicates a desirable practice which is not part of the standard).
19. Suggested to mention in part B of the introduction the inclusions of several new chapters, such as the chapter on data quality, as one of the reasons for this revision.
20. Agreed that in the summary of the recommendations it should be indicated which recommendations are new and which are updated. Also, all “encouragements” should be listed.

C. Chapter I Coverage and time of recording

21. Para. 1.2: Agreed after discussion (i) to keep the text concerning the estimation of trade below customs and statistical threshold in part A General guideline, (ii) to establish a

¹ Some purely editorial changes have been included, but not all. Also, during the worldwide consultation on the full draft of the revised recommendations many editorial changes have been suggested which will be carefully reviewed and taken into account as appropriate.

separate paragraph for it, (iii) to keep it as an encouragement and (iv) to indicate in a footnote that some countries make a distinction between the statistical and customs threshold.

22. Para. 1.3: Concluded that this paragraph should make reference to the categories of goods for which change of economic ownership can apply; suggested to replace “needs clarification” with “not sufficient”.
23. Agreed to provide a list of all categories of goods which are to be included but separately recorded (identified) and clearly distinguish them from the categories of goods which are recommended to be excluded but separately recorded; agreed that the list of categories of goods to be excluded but separately recorded should not be limited to goods which are recorded for balance of payments/ national accounts purposes but should also cover categories of goods recorded for other statistical needs.
24. Para. 1.9: Agreed that reference should be provided to the definition of non monetary and monetary gold in the BPM6 (para. 10.50-10.54) and that the term “as store of value” does not only apply to non monetary gold; took note that non monetary and monetary gold might be difficult to differentiate in practice and that further guidance on this issue could be provided in the IMTS Compilers Manual.
25. Para. 1.13: Suggested to give better instructions to countries in the IMTS Compilers Manual regarding the recording of food aid (due to its importance).
26. Para. 1.14 and 1.23: Suggested to make a cross-reference to goods which are consigned to and from territorial enclaves and vice versa.
27. Para. 1.15: Agreed to maintain consistency with the recommendations on international trade in services; suggested to indicate that this category also includes so called “shuttle trade” and to provide a reference to the BPM6, para.10.18-10.20.
28. Para. 1.16: Suggested to make a reference to returned goods and acknowledged that it is often not possible to identify goods on consignment which are returned.
29. Para. 1.17: Agreed to reformulate this paragraph in order to make clear that it is recommended that customized software is in principle excluded; agreed to separate conceptual and practical considerations.
30. Para. 1.18-1.19: Agreed with the recommended treatment and suggested to split paragraph 1.19 in order to separate conceptual from practical considerations and agreed to review the last sentence of para 1.19.
31. Para. 1.20: Agreed to retain that countries are encouraged to use the WTO definition of related parties as this has been the established practice in countries.
32. Para. 1.21: Noted that there can be different cases of returned goods (i.e. such as goods returned due to poor quality) and suggested to cover the issue of returned goods,

including their valuation in the IMTS Compilers Manual, noting that the valuation of returned goods which are identifiable is covered in paragraph 4.15(f).

33. Para. 1.22: Agreed to keep the term encouraged and to include oil as another commodity which can be continuously transmitted; agreed that the IMTS Compilers Manual should provide specific compilation guidance / best practices on this issue as many countries face difficulties in the compilation of trade values for these categories of goods.
34. Para. 1.23: Agreed to harmonize the treatment of this category of goods with the recommendations for international trade in services which records goods and services supplied to enclaves, such as embassies, military bases, and international organizations as part of government services (BPM6, para. 10.173) and to move it under goods to be excluded but separately recorded. This does not apply to goods supplied to parts of the territory of a given country which are located within the geographic boundaries of other countries.
35. Para. 1.27: Agreed to modify this paragraph in order to clarify the definition of operational leasing and took note that operational and financial leasing can be difficult to differentiate in practice.
36. Para. 1.28. Suggested to explicitly refer to economic ownership; agreed to provide additional information on the different national practices in the IMTS Compilers Manual.
37. Para. 1.31: Suggested to provide best practices for its compilation in the IMTS Compilers Manual.
38. Para. 1.33: Suggested to edit this paragraph and to add a cross-reference to paragraph 1.24 concerning goods dispatched or received through postal or courier services.
39. Suggested to add an additional paragraph regarding gifts and donations.
40. Para. 1.38 – 1.39: Agreed to move the contents of paragraph 1.38 to the IMTS Compilers Manual; to state clearly that goods under “in transit” or “in trans-shipment” customs procedure are never to be included; agreed to indicate that for goods that are not under the “in transit” or “in trans-shipment” customs procedures and change ownership while inside the country an import and re-export should be recorded.
41. Para. 1.40 and 1.41: Agreed to make reference to goods under operational leasing and goods under repair.
42. Para. 1.47(c) and (d): Suggested to review in order to align with paragraphs 1.17 concerning media, whether or not recorded and 1.23 concerning goods traded between territorial enclaves and other countries.
43. Para. 1.49: Suggested to add the 1 year as possible time limit for operational lease.

44. Para. 1.50: Suggested to give an example in the IMTS Compilers Manual.
45. Para. 1.53: Agreed to move this paragraph to “Goods recommended for exclusion but to be separately recorded.
46. Para. 1.56: Suggested not to use the term ‘impaired’ and to include a reference to goods for maintenance.

D. Chapter II Trade System

47. Para. 2.4: Suggested to provide additional information on the difference between industrial and commercial free zones in the IMTS Compilers Manual.
48. Para. 2.11: Agreed that this paragraph could give the wrong impression that following a different trade system for exports than for imports is a common and acceptable practice while, as a matter of fact, this would lead to a distorted trade balance; suggested to either modify or to move the second sentence to the IMTS Compilers Manual.
49. Suggested to change the title of part C in order to avoid the impression that the application of the general trade system is without problems; agreed that the recommendation to apply the general trade system should be further explained and that the difficulties for its application should be recognized either in a separate paragraph or in a separate part D which could describe the limitations of both, the general and the special trade system.
50. Para. 2.25: Agreed to provide more information on the time of recording under the general and special trade system in the IMTS Compilers Manual.

E. Chapter III Commodity classifications

51. Para. 3.10: Agreed to streamline this paragraph and to retain only the first and last sentence and to move the information on the use of chapters 98 and 99 to the IMTS Compilers Manual where more details on country practices could be provided. Suggested to move last sentence regarding chapter 77 to paragraph 3.8.
52. Para. 3.19: Agreed to rephrase as following “[...] countries can use SITC for the dissemination and analysis according to user requirements”.
53. Suggested to provide more (better) information on correlation tables.
54. Para. 3.29: Agreed to modify the last sentence to state only, that users might find the correlation table to ISIC useful; to explain the shortcomings of this approach in the IMTS Compilers Manual and to mention the alternative approach to identify the activity of the trader.

55. Suggested to mention the definition of sub-groupings of SITC and HS for analytical purposes (such as ICT goods).

F. Chapter IV Valuation

56. Para. 4.3: Agreed to reformulate (a text proposal has been provided).
57. Para. 4.4: Agreed to point out that the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation provides the basis for the statistical valuation not only of imports but also of exports.
58. Para. 4.7 and 4.8: Concluded, after discussion, to leave paragraphs and recommendation as is; the compilation of imports FOB is seen by most as entailing a significant additional reporting burden.
59. Para 4.9: Agreed to only encourage the compilation of freight and insurance; agreed to use the term “compilation” as meaning “collection and estimation”. Agreed that the discussion on the estimation of imports fob (or exports cif) is a topic for the IMTS Compilers Manual.
60. Suggested to highlight the importance of imports FOB for reconciliation studies.
61. Para. 4.10 and 4.11: Agreed to streamline text and to provide detailed information in the IMTS Compilers Manual.
62. Para. 4.15(c): Agreed to include oil.
63. Para. 4.15(e): Suggested to use the terminology “gross or full” value consistently, meaning also in paragraph 1.19.
64. Para. 4.15(f): Agreed to add “if identifiable”. Suggested to make clear in para 4.15(f) and para 1.21 that returned goods are a very special case of re-import/ re-export and that only for this special case the valuation at the initial transaction value applies.
65. Para. 4.15(g): Suggested to expand this paragraph or to provide more information in the IMTS Compilers Manual.
66. Para. 4.16: Suggested to include gifts and donations.
67. Para. 4.19(a): Suggested to clarify/ update the term “document of publication” via a footnote.

G. Chapter V Quantity measurement

68. Para. 5.1: Agreed to expand this paragraph and to point out the importance of quantity information for various purposes such as transportation statistics and issues such as food security, the environment etc.

69. Suggested that more guidance on the use of quantity units should be provided and that more detailed metadata on their use is required.
70. Indicated that the quantity unit recommended by WCO for a particular commodity is not always a good fit and suggested to review the quantity units recommended by WCO and approach WCO for this purpose.
71. Para. 5.4: Suggested to state clearly that both, net weight and the supplementary quantity should be compiled (meaning collected or estimated) and validated for all transactions.
72. Para. 5.6 Agreed to add the qualification “as deemed necessary and appropriate, taking into account the needs of users” in order to allow flexibility on how the information on estimated quantities is reported.

H. Chapter VI Partner country

73. Para. 6.11: Suggested to reformulate the first sentence.
74. Suggested to add a visual presentation (e.g. graph) of the different partner attributions.
75. Para. 6.25 b: Suggested to take out second part of the sentence (“as ...”).
76. Para. 6.26: Agreed to only encourage the compilation of country of consignment for exports.
77. Part B and C: The information in these parts was considered as important to understand the recommendations but it was also questioned whether it could be condensed or be presented differently or separately as annex.
78. Para. 6.31: Concluded that more research is required in order to be able to recommend not to follow the country of origin for certain types of goods and that different cases such as cars, ships, aircraft, leasing should be discussed in the IMTS Compilers Manual, also reflecting on their treatment at customs.

I. Chapter VII Mode of Transport

79. Para. 7.2: Suggested to provide a split of the category “Pipelines and cables”. Clarified that the category 4.4 “Other” is to be understood as rest category, containing for example trade for which information on mode of transport is not available.
80. Para. 7.4: Welcomed the proposal of Mexico to share its practices.

J. Chapter VIII Data compilations strategies

81. Para. 8.4: Suggested to reformulate (a text proposal was provided).

82. Para. 8.5: Suggested to provide a list of applicable customs procedures of the Kyoto Convention to be further elaborated in the IMTS Compilers Manual, including the procedures which lead to the exclusion from trade; to indicate the differences between the general and special trade system concerning the applicable customs procedures.
83. Para. 8.9: Suggested that this paragraph is redundant as fully reflected in paragraph 8.10.
84. Para. 8.10: Suggested that the last sentence should also indicate the need to provide metadata regarding which and how non customs sources are used.
85. Para. 8.13: Suggested to indicate that the use of non customs sources can pose a high burden.
86. Para. 8.13 and 8.14: Suggested to establish a separate section comparing customs vs. non customs data sources.
87. Para. 8.15: Agreed to replace “amending” with “the discussion of”.
88. Para. 8.18: Agreed to retain only the first sentence and to merge with paragraph 8.19.
89. Para 8.19: Agreed to make several amendments as suggested (add “national” before “agency”, add “merchandise” before “statistics”) and state that formalized working arrangements should be complemented by informal working arrangements.
90. Welcomed Mexico’s offer to provide its best practices for inclusion in the IMTS Compilers Manual.

K. Chapter IX Data quality and metadata

91. Para. 9.7: Agreed to make it to a recommendation.
92. Para. 9.8: Suggested to add references to other data quality frameworks.
93. Welcomed Brazil’s offer to share its national practices for ensuring data quality in the IMTS Compilers Manual, which should cover both, ensuring and measuring data quality.
94. Para. 9.8(c): Suggested to review to what extent the dimension interpretability is covered in paragraph 9.10 and Table 1.
95. Para. 9.10: Noted that several dimensions overlap; suggested to review the relationship between (a) and (c) and to restructure as appropriate.
96. Para. 9.11: Suggested to add more examples of trade-offs and agreed that the encouragement regarding the publication of a provisional estimate could be moved to a more appropriate place in chapter 10.

97. Para. 9.13: Suggested to add a reference to the importance of quality assessment frameworks as a tool for self-assessment of statistics producers.
98. Para. 9.15: Agreed to change the last sentence to indicate that all dimensions of quality should be covered, that indicators should be based on sound methodology which is applied consistently and that the indicators should be presented in a way so that they are easy to interpret internally and externally.
99. Table 1: Suggested under Relevance, item 2 to add meetings with users/ professional organizations; under Accuracy, item 3 to mention frequency of revisions; under Accuracy item 6 to take out reference to coefficient of variation; to review whether OECD dimension interpretability is covered; to harmonize with the terminology used in the text (refers to “selected” vs. “minimum set”).
100. Para. 9.18 and 9.20: Suggested to add “estimated” after “collected” in paragraph 9.18 and to replace “manipulated” with “compiled” in paragraph 9.20.
101. Para. 9.22: Suggested to explicitly mention the trade system under (i).
102. Para. 9.25: Agreed that this paragraph on Cross-country comparability and reconciliation studies should not be placed under part D; suggested to indicate that the list of reasons for non-comparability is not intended to be complete.

L. Chapter X Dissemination

103. Para. 10.1: Suggested to end first sentence after “impartial basis”.
104. Agreed to restructure paragraphs 10.5 to 10.10 in order to better explain and reflect the role of passive confidentiality in international merchandise trade statistics as compared to active confidentiality; suggested to circulate the new text to some participants.
105. Agreed that best practices in the application of passive confidentiality could be provided in the IMTS Compilers Manual.
106. Agreed that information on the application of confidentiality should be provided in the metadata but only to the degree that this information will not facilitate the breaking of confidentiality.
107. Para. 10.12: Suggested to state that the release calendar for the coming year should be provided before the start of the coming year.
108. Para. 10.14: Agreed not to modify the encouraged/ suggested release schedule which is only intended to provide broad guidelines; agreed to explicitly point out that it refers to the first release of data which is often not the detailed data.

109.Para. 10.15: Suggested that it is preferable to keep quarterly and monthly data consistent by releasing revised data for all months if required; the same applies to annual and quarterly data.

110.Para. 10.19: Suggested to call this paragraph “Dissemination strategy”; suggested to add that dissemination should be to all users without preference; agreed to remove text that customized datasets should only be provided in exceptional cases.

111.Para. 10.21: Suggested to focus on the obligation to report in a timely manner and to remove reference to the website dissemination which is better placed in paragraph 10.19; suggested to clarify the term “without additional restrictions”; agreed to remove reference to an agreed/ specific database format.

M. Chapter XI Supplementary topics

112.Para. 11.1: Suggested to indicate the purpose of index calculation; to take out “detailed” from last sentence.

113.Agreed to add to this chapter an additional part C on the issue of linking business and trade statistics which would provide some general statements and an encouragement of work in this area in order to produce more integrated economic statistics for analytical and other purposes (e.g., vertical integration, import content of exports, small business development, export promotion, etc.); suggested to consider linking merchandise trade statistics to other areas of economic and social statistics (such as food security) in general.

N. Annexes A, B, C, D, E and F

114.Suggested to clearly separate the annexes from the main body of text; suggested to add an introductory paragraph to each annex explaining the exact nature and purpose of the information provided.

115.Annex A: Suggested to review definitions regarding whether those are complete (i.e. goods for processing), referred to in the main text and always relevant or potentially confusing to IMTS compilers (i.e. change of ownership); suggested to state clearly that those are NA/ BOP definitions only reproduced for the convenience of IMTS compilers.

116.Annex B: Suggested to add information on all relevant customs procedures.

117.Annex C: Agreed that the issue of preferential rules of origin and country practices could be covered in the IMTS Compilers Manual.

118.Annex D: Took note that annex D reproduces an agreement (and hence the text cannot be modified).

119. Annex E: Suggested to clearly state in an introductory paragraph to what extent these terms are relevant for IMTS compilers; agreed that relevant definitions and categories of goods such as food aid, gifts and donations should be discussed in chapter 1.
120. Annex F: Agreed to improve the presentation in particular of the table by providing more text and references to the corresponding paragraphs; suggested to provide one paragraph clarifying where the BPM6 goods and services account will have different figures than IMTS; suggested to consult with the IMF on this table and to explain the relationship to the respective table in the BPM6.

O. IMTS2010 implementation and the EG-IMTS work programme

121. Took note of the steps required for the finalization of the draft IMTS2010 and that the final draft IMTS will be submitted to the Statistical Commission for adoption at its 41st session, 23-26 February 2010; took note that the final draft will be posted on the Statistical Commission website by the end of December 2009.
122. Overall endorsed the suggested draft action plan for the implementation of IMTS2010 and the suggested work programme for the EG-IMTS for 2010-2012.
123. Welcomed UNSD's intention to collaborate closely with the EG-IMTS and the Task Force on International Merchandise Trade Statistics on the implementation of IMTS2010 and the related research agenda.
124. Pointed out the IMTS Compilers Manual should become available as soon as possible and took note of the plan to create a separate website in order to make its contents and possible further amendments available as soon as possible.
125. Took note of UNSD's request to assist in technical assistance activities and endorsed the plan to work together on the implementation of IMTS2010; Ukraine offered to host the planned workshop for CIS.
126. Concerning the cooperation with NA/ BOP compilers concluded that it is very important to work closely together in data compilation for certain categories of goods and to coordinate the presentation of the results which are affected by the increased conceptual differences in the recording of certain transactions, in particular goods for processing without change of ownership. Agreed to closely follow the work of the Group of Experts on the Impact of Globalization on National Accounts (GGNA). Agreed that the linkages to NA/ BOP and the cooperation with NA/ BOP compilers should be covered in the IMTS Compilers Manual.
127. Appreciated UNSD's efforts to maintain the global UN Comtrade database and agreed that the presentation of the new data items in UN Comtrade should be discussed by the EG-IMTS and took note of the planned virtual meeting on UN Comtrade in 2011. Took note of UNSD's plan to be able to accommodate the new data items starting in 2011 although it is expected that most countries will require more time to be able to deliver the new data items.

ANNEX I
AGENDA

Tuesday, 3 November 2009

Morning session: 9:00 – 12:30

9:00 – 9:30

1. Registration

9:30 – 10:30

2. Opening statement by Paul Cheung, Director, UNSD
3. Objectives and organization of the meeting
4. Administrative matters
5. Adoption of agenda

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

10:50 – 12:30

6. Status of the revision process
7. The results of the second stage of the world wide consultation on IMTS2010
8. Introduction to IMTS2010

Afternoon session: 14:00 – 17:00

14:00 – 15:30

9. Chapter I Scope and time of recording
 - (a) General guideline
 - (b) Goods to be included

15:30 – 15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50 – 17:00

9. (cont.)
 - (c) Goods to be excluded
 - (d) Goods for exclusion but to be separately recorded
 - (e) Time of recording

Wednesday, 4 November 2009

Morning session: 9:00 – 12:30

9:00 – 10:30

- 10. Chapter II Trade system
- 11. Chapter III Commodity Classifications

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

10:50 – 12:30

- 12. Chapter IV Valuation
- 13. Chapter V Quantity measurement

Afternoon session: 14:00 – 17:00

14:00 – 15:30

- 14. Chapter VI Partner country
- 15. Chapter VII Mode of transport

15:30 – 15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50 – 17:00

- 16. Chapter VIII Data compilation strategies
 - (a) Customs records

Thursday, 5 November 2009

Morning session: 9:00 – 12:30

9:00 – 10:30

16. (cont.)

- (b) Non customs sources of data
- (c) Institutional arrangements

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

10:50 – 12:30

17. Chapter IX Data quality and metadata

Afternoon session: 14:00 – 17:00

14:00 – 15:30

- 18. Chapter X Dissemination
- 19. Chapter XI Supplementary topics
- 20. Annex A - F

15:30 – 15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50 – 17:00

21. IMTS2010 implementation and the EG-IMTS work programme

- (a) Revision of *IMTS Compilers Manual* and the related research agenda
- (b) Revision of *Statistical Territories of the World for Use in IMTS*

Friday, 6 November 2009

Morning session: 9:00 – 12:30

9:00 – 10:30

21. (cont.)

- (c) Technical assistance activities
- (d) Cooperation with the BOP/SITS and SNA compilers

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

10:50 – 12:30

22. EG-IMTS work programme for 2010-2012

Afternoon session: 14:00 – 17:00

14:00 – 15:30

- 23. Evaluation of the meeting
- 24. Conclusion of the meeting

ANNEX II
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