

Meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services

21-22 February 2006

UNSD, New York [Main UN building - room number to be notified]

Starting at 10.00 on first day

Draft AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Revision of Balance of Payments Manual related to trade in services frameworks

a. SNA AEG Jan/Feb 2006 and CPC version 2 developments related to trade in services – UNSD reports for information

b. Preparation of BOP Services classification paper for IMF BOP Committee -report by OECD/IMF

3. Update of the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services

- a. Discussion of proposed issues to be reviewed in the Update Paper by OECD
- b. Consultation document for worldwide consultation Draft prepared by OECD
 - the consultation document should be finalized at this TF meeting
- c. Process and timing of worldwide consultation
- d. Further work on CPC link to EBOPS IMF/UNSD

4. Knowledge transfer and technical cooperation:

a. WTO Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration and follow up on statistical needs related to trade in services – oral report by WTO

b. Technical assistance - coordination update

c. Improving links with regional country groupings working on trade in services measurement e.g. CARICOM/ COMESA/ ECLAC etc

- d. TF Seminars in 2006
- e. The TF website and newsletter UNSD report
- 5. Monitoring progress on international trade in services data collection, dissemination, and quality.
 - Organisations will be invited to report on developments
- 6. Any other business.
- 7. Dates and locations of future TF meetings