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ISWGNA TELECONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

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1. Consultation with the AEG

Due to the small number of AEG members available for the dinner meeting on 2 October 2007 in Paris, the ISWGNA decided to cancel this meeting and to arrange an informal lunch meeting on 4 October 2007 instead. There the ISWGNA will discuss with the AEG its further role in the Update process in the upcoming months in general, and the AEG consultation on chapters 1 and 2 in particular.

The ISWGNA briefly discussed the next AEG meeting, tentatively scheduled for the second half of 2008. Topics of this meeting will be the 2009 Deliverable and the implementation of the *1993 SNA Rev. 1*.

The ISWGNA noted that the role of the high-level group to examine the implications of the *1993 SNA Rev. 1* will be added to the agenda of the ISWGNA face-to-face meeting from 1-2 November 2007 in Washington. UNSD will prepare a note with information on this group for the meeting.

2. Content of the 2009 Deliverable

The ISWGNA:NA concluded that the list of chapters currently proposed for the 2009 Deliverable and posted on the website remains. The conclusion will be considered by the Management Group in the context of budget and other factors.

The ISWGNA agreed to consider the involvement of other experts in the drafting of some parts of the chapters for the 2009 Deliverable based on the positive experience in the drafting of chapter 16. It was noted that this collaboration could take place at various levels and needs to be carefully coordinated. The selection of experts approached to support the drafting of chapters would be in the hands of the Project Manager and the Editor. The Editor would give detailed guidelines for the parts/topics to be drafted as well as maintain control over the final content of the draft chapters.

3. The 2008 Deliverable

The ISWGNA agreed to the following timeline for completing the 2008 Deliverable in time for the United Nations Statistical Commission in late February 2008:

- Editorial comments for chapters 6 – 14 will be compiled into one PDF document for each chapter by 19 October 2007
- Chapters 3 – 17 will be completed by mid December 2007
- Chapters 1 and 2 will be completed by mid February 2008 (using AEG suggestions)
- The longitudinal review across the chapters of the 2008 Deliverable will be completed by end January 2008

If needed, a room document will be prepared for the Statistical Commission with the findings of the ISWGNA longitudinal review across the 17 chapters.

The ISWGNA noted, that only with a concerted effort of ISWGNA, Editor and Project Manager the envisaged timetable seems feasible.

4. Agenda of the ISWGNA meeting on 2 October 2007

The ISWGNA confirmed its face-to-face meetings to take place 2 October 2007 at OECD in Paris. The topics to be discussed include the treatment of insurance and the set of revised codes. In the evening meeting, it will receive a preview of the progress report to be presented the next day by the Project Manager.

5. Status of ISWGNA comments on chapters 4, 5 and 17

Each ISWGNA agency reported that their dispositions on country comments received for the indicated chapters will be ready by the deadline of 28 September 2007.

6. Status of ISWGNA comments on chapters 3 and 16 and addenda to chapters 7, 8 and 9

The ISWGNA agreed that the summary of comments on the indicated chapters/addenda should be available by the following deadlines:

Chapter	Organization	Deadline for comments	Deadline for summary
3	OECD	30 September	12 October
16	IMF	5 October	18 October
7 Add.1	Eurostat	16 October	29 October
8 Add.1	OECD	16 October	29 October
9 Add.1	UNSD	16 October	29 October

7. Status of drafting

The Editor reported that she is currently finishing the drafting of chapter 15. This chapter should be ready for eagle-eye review by 30 September and ready for posting for world-wide review mid October. The drafting of the addendum to chapter 6 will proceed after the treatment of insurance, to be discussed in Paris, is resolved.

8. To-do list

Action	By when	Responsible	Status
Plan for delivering a set of revised codes to the Editor by end-September	September 28	Christian Ravets (Eurostat) Charles Aspden (OECD) Kim Zieschang (IMF) Ivo Havinga (UNSD)	In Process
Chapter 6: Disposition of comments on treatment of central bank output	End-August 2007	Kim Zieschang (IMF)	Done
The Project Manager will prepare a draft letter to the ECB about ECB's comments on the mapping of taxes from the classification in the GFSM and the OECD's Revenue Statistics	End-July 2007	Carol Carson (Project Manager)	On hold
Chapter 12. Draft text on the properties of the "general price index" for distinguishing real and nominal holding gains in the holding gains and losses account for the research agenda.	End-September 2007	Ivo Havinga (UNSD) Kim Zieschang (IMF)	Pending
Update of the Full Set of Consolidated Recommendations (44 issues document) to incorporate changes and UNSC decisions	When possible	Anne Harrison (Editor)	Pending
Add-ons to draft chapters 6 and 17	Before Paris	Anne Harrison (Editor)	In process
Prepare a document for discussion on insurance	Before Paris	Anne Harrison (Editor)	Done
Discussion of document on insurance	2 October 2007 - Paris	ISWGNA, Editor, Project Manager	Pending
Draft chapter 15	8 October 2007	Anne Harrison (Editor)	In process
Consolidation of comments on chapters 4, 5 and 17	28 September 2007	ISWGNA organizations	In process
Consolidation of comments on chapters 3 and 16	Mid October 2007	OECD/IMF	In process
Consolidation of comments on addenda to chapters 7 - 9	29 October 2007	Eurostat/OECD/ UNSD	In process
Consolidation of editorial comments on chapters 6 – 14 into PDF document	19 October 2007	ISWGNA organizations	In process
Information package on the formation of the high-level group	End October 2007	Ivo Havinga (UNSD)	In process

Items marked as 'Done' in this to-do list will be omitted in the following to-do list.