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Invitation to the third meeting of the Oslo Group on Energy Statistics in Vienna, 4-6 February 2008

Statistics Norway has the pleasure of inviting your office to the third meeting of the Oslo Group on Energy Statistics. Statistics Austria is hosting the meeting, which will take place in Vienna, Austria on 4-6 February 2008.

The Oslo Group on Energy Statistics was established by the UN Statistical Commission as a forum for methodological issues, best practices and methodological development of energy statistics. The main objective of the Oslo Group is to review the UN manuals on energy statistics with regard to revision and updating (see reference to the manuals at the end of this letter). In a longer perspective, one of the objectives is to harmonise energy statistics between countries, and thereby support the improvement of international energy statistics.

The intentions of the third meeting are to give an update on the progress on the revision according to the List of Issues 2007 (see attachment). Furthermore, the meeting will discuss and determine which areas of the revised manual can be completed and which areas need more work. It is also necessary to identify any areas that are not yet covered by the manual. Finally, the meeting should agree on a List of Issues for 2008, including a division of responsibility and a milestone schedule.

At the second meeting of the Oslo group in February, a List of Issues for 2007 was agreed upon. Under each subject on this list, participating countries and organisations committed themselves to writing draft documents in the form of chapters for the revised manual. We are looking forward to the presentations of these chapters in Vienna. We would also like to encourage other participants to make presentations on agenda items or other relevant topics.

Registration and papers

Your representative(s) should register no later than 5 December 2007 by completing the enclosed form. Please provide information about any topics and papers to be presented at the meeting. The registration form can be sent to Statistics Norway by mail, e-mail or fax.

Final papers and presentations must be submitted by 24 January 2008.

Practical information

As soon as we receive your registration, we will send you a confirmation note together with an information document prepared by Statistics Austria containing practical information on transport, recommended hotels and the meeting venue.

Presentations and contributions will be posted on the Oslo Group's website, www.ssb.no/ocg/, and the discussion forum on <http://forum.ssb.no/blah.cgi>. The discussion forum is also an important forum for information and debate between the meetings.

Please find attached the preliminary agenda, registration form and List of Issues 2007.


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We look forward to receiving your positive response.

Yours sincerely,



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Relevant Internet addresses:

The Oslo group on energy statistics website:

<http://www.ssb.no/ocg/>

The manuals on energy statistics (English version):

Concepts and methods in energy statistics with a special reference to energy accounts and balances - a technical report (1982)

http://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/SeriesF/SeriesF_29E.pdf

Energy statistics: A manual for developing countries (1991)

http://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/SeriesF/SeriesF_56E.pdf

Energy statistics: Definitions, unit of measurement and conversion factors (1986)

http://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/SeriesF/SeriesF_44E.pdf

These manuals are also available on other languages at the following address:

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/pubs/gesgrid.asp?class=energy>

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