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Invitation to the fourth meeting of the Oslo Group on Energy Statistics in Ottawa, 2-6 February 2009

Statistics Norway has the pleasure of inviting your office to the 4th meeting of the Oslo Group on Energy Statistics. Statistics Canada is hosting the meeting which will take place in Ottawa, Canada on 2 – 6 February 2009.

After the 3rd Oslo Group meeting a drafting schedule for IRES and a list of issues for 2008 was set up. The drafting schedule was designed to ensure submission to the 4th Oslo Group meeting of the provisional text of the International Recommendations for Energy Statistics (IRES). Drafting is based on the materials submitted by the Oslo Group members during the previous meetings.

The main objective of the meeting is for the Oslo Group to assure the quality of IRES. The meeting in Ottawa will be the main arena for discussions amongst the countries, organisations and UNSD before the finalization of IRES. In this objective the agenda must be extended compared to previous meetings. To have enough time for discussions and to determine if there are any areas in the draft that need more work to be completed, we have found it necessary to dedicate four and a half days to this meeting.

We are looking forward to the presentations of draft chapters and issue-papers in Ottawa. We also encourage participants to make presentations on best practices or other relevant topics.

Registration and papers

Your representative(s) should register no later than 15 December 2008 by submitting the enclosed form. Please provide information about any topics and papers to be presented at the meeting. Please send the registration form to Statistics Norway by mail, e-mail or fax.

Final papers and presentations must be submitted by 23 January 2009.

Practical information

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

Presentations and contributions will be posted on the Oslo Group's website, <http://og.ssb.no>.

Please find attached the preliminary agenda and registration form.

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I am looking forward to seeing you in Ottawa.

Yours sincerely,



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