OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Note by UNSD

A. Preparations for the 2003 Statistical Commission session

1. The attached draft provisional agenda has been prepared. Consultations on this draft are being held presently with the Bureau of the Commission.

2. Some of the items on the Commission’s agenda that are of concern to the international organizations and have coordination requirements will have been discussed under other specific items of the agenda of this coordination meeting e.g. national accounts, international merchandise trade statistics, statistics of international trade in services, services (programme review), finance statistics, price statistics, coordination of development indicators, and duplication in requests to countries for statistics. For other items on the Commission’s agenda involving coordination, an update on the preparatory work will be provided orally at this coordination meeting. Items include: Population and Housing censuses, social statistics, ICP, statistical capacity building, and international economic and social classifications.

3. The Subcommittee should consider any coordination efforts required for preparation for the Statistical Commission.

B. Follow-up to the 2002 Commission session

4. Follow-up actions that involve members of the Subcommittee have been covered under other agenda items of this coordination meeting; information on progress on the following will be given to the Subcommittee: natural resources and environment statistics.
Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft decision

1. The Statistical Commission recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

   **Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-third session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission**

   The Economic and Social Council:
   (a) Takes note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-third session;
   (b) Decides that the thirty-fourth session of the Commission shall be held in New York from 4 to 7 March 2003;
   (c) Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission as set out below.

   **Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission**
   1. Election of officers.
   2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

      **Documentation**
      Provisional agenda and annotations
      Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session
      Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation for the session
   3. Demographic and social statistics:
      (a) Population and housing censuses;

         **Documentation**
         Report of the Secretary-General
      (b) Health statistics;

         **Documentation**
         Report of the World Health Organization
      (c) Social statistics;

         **Documentation**
         Report of the Secretary-General
      (d) Statistics of drugs and drug use;

         **Documentation**
         Report of the Secretary-General
(e) Time-use statistics;

_Documentation_
Report of the Secretary-General

(f) Washington Group on Disability Measurement.

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Report of the Washington Group

4. Economic statistics:
   (a) National accounts;

_Documentation_
Report of the Task Force on National Accounts

(b) Agriculture statistics;

_Documentation_
Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

(c) Energy statistics;

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Report of the Secretary-General

(d) International trade statistics;

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Report of the Task Force on International Trade Statistics

(e) Statistics of international trade in services;

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Report of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services

(f) Statistics of services (programme review);

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Report of the programme reviewer

(g) Tourism statistics;

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Report of the World Tourism Organization

(h) Finance statistics;

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Report of the Task Force on Finance Statistics

(i) International Comparison Programme;
5. Natural resources and environment statistics: environment statistics and environmental accounting.

6. Activities not classified by field:
   (a) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes:
      (i) General coordination;

   (b) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division);

   (c) Management issues in national statistical offices;

   (d) International economic and social classifications;

   (e) Methodological development — integrated presentation;

   (f) Harmonization of indicators;
Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(g) Statistical capacity-building;

Documentation

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Report of the Steering Committee of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century

(h) Problems in the implementation of the fundamental principles of official statistics;

(i) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

7. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-fifth session of the Commission.