



## **ADVISORY GROUP ON GENDER STATISTICS LEGISLATION**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **I. Background**

Integrating a gender perspective in the production of statistics makes gender disparities visible and helps ensure equal representation of women and men's situations and gender equality issues in data produced by national statistical systems. Statistical legislation for gender statistics is important to ensure that the production of gender statistics are institutionalized and gender relevant data are collected, processed and disseminated in a timely, consistent manner.

There is currently limited information on statistical legislation for gender statistics in effect in countries around the world, but a review of existing legislations would be important in order to share experiences and best practices in this area. In 2009, Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics meeting proposed the establishment of an advisory group for statistical legislation on gender statistics.

#### **II. Objectives and tasks**

- 1) The primary objective of the Advisory Group is to identify the main aspects of the statistical legislation in order to give countries useful recommendations on of the main elements to be covered by the legislation.
- 2) The second objective is to review the existing statistical legislation on gender statistics and identify best practices to share.

#### **III. Membership**

- Chair: Italy
- Secretariat: UNSD
- Members:
  - Philippines
  - African Development Bank
  - ESCWA
  - UN-DAW

When appropriate a regional team will be constituted to conduct region-specific reviews and make recommendations to the parent Advisory Group.

#### **IV. Organization of Work**



The Advisory Group will work through electronic exchanges, conference calls and occasional physical meetings. Where feasible, one of the meetings will be conducted in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics. Other meetings will be convened on the basis of need and specific tasks to be accomplished.

The chairperson will report to UNSD, the Programme Secretariat, on work progress, problems identified, solutions recommended and decisions to be made.

#### **V. Expected duration**

The Advisory Group will conduct its activities starting August 2010 and until completion of its tasks. An initial duration of 2 years (August 2010 – July 2012) is expected.

#### **VI. Programme of work and outputs**

For 2010 the Advisory Group is expected to provide to the Secretariat of the GGSP the following outputs:

- 1) Detailed plan of work for 2010

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- 1) Terms of Reference
- 2) Draft of questionnaire to be submitted to the members of the Advisory Group for integrations, notes and comments
- 3) Revised questionnaire to be submitted to all the members of the IAEG – GS
- 4) Analysis of data derived from the questionnaires filled by the members of the IAEG – GS
- 5) Dissemination of the results to be presented during the IAEG – GS meeting in occasion of the Third World Forum on Gender Statistics to be held in Manila, October 2010.