

**Oral presentation for E/CN.3/2016/15
(Item 3 (k) of the Provisional agenda) – Climate change statistics**

1. The Statistical Commission has before it the report of the Secretary-General on climate change statistics that was prepared by the Statistics Division in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

2. The report touches on the importance of climate change and the outcome of the recent Paris Conference on Climate Change, and its outcome document, the Paris Agreement. Climate change has also been addressed in Goal 13 of the SDGs, whose indicator framework is being reviewed and discussed this week. Goal 13 has five targets that will be monitored by five indicators on climate change. The report describes the Commission's programme review on climate change and official statistics, undertaken at its fortieth session in 2009, and the outcome of two related conferences on climate change and official statistics organized by the Statistics Division. The report elaborates on the demand and supply of climate change statistics, describing the situation around the world, with particular emphasis on the constraints that developing countries face. Responding to increasing demand from countries, the report summarizes the work of the Division on climate change statistics, including methodological guidance, technical assistance and training, as it pertains to three key statistical domains relevant to climate

change, namely, environment statistics, geospatial statistics and environmental-economic accounts. Complementarily, it describes the progress made in the work of ECE on climate change-related statistics and indicators. A background document from ECE is also available.

3. The Commission is invited to:

- (a) Express its views on the report and discuss the way forward, in particular on the coordination of the various initiatives;
- (b) Urge the international statistical community to expand their capacity-building efforts in climate change statistics;
- (c) Strongly encourage national statistical systems to invest in the development of climate change statistics, in particular environment, energy, agriculture and industry statistics, in their respective countries;
- (d) Urge the donor community to mobilize additional and substantial resources to enable capacity-building in environment and climate change statistics in developing countries;
- (e) Express its views on the work being undertaken by the ECE task force on climate change-related statistics and indicators in particular their efforts to develop a set of climate change-related statistics and indicators, and

discuss to what extent that work can serve as a basis for developing a global set of climate change statistics and indicators.