

## **14- Report of the Friends of the Chair on the evaluation of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme**

### **TURKEY'S COMMENT:**

First of all we would like to thank to Friends of Chairs, its admirable works on measuring global economy. Also, evaluating International Comparison Programme (ICP) 2011 by an experienced group (FOC) in every detail in a good idea as experienced in 2005 ICP Round.

**Regarding the process recommendations of Friends of the Chair;** We definitely believe that an agreement on methodology and procedures will be useful to shorten process and to prevent possible problems on further stages of programme. In addition, ownership of data by Executive Board, as we experienced similar situation on Eurostat PPP studies, might be useful to analyze and validate data from same perspective and staff.

**Concerning with the governance recommendations of Friends of the Chair;** Building up the similar governance method in ICP 2011 will be beneficial for next round. On the other hand, number of National Statistical Institutions nominated by the Statistical Commission for Executive Board should be increased for

**Regarding the research agenda / methodological aspects recommendations of Friends of the Chair;** For the comparison of government services, health and education; “output” based approaches will definitely increase of the methodological harmonization between the regions. We rely on that special working groups should be organized for further improvements in these subjects.

As we learned from the report, the section 2 of FOC report will be available before 47th Statistical Commission in 2016 which will include country views, methodological and financial issues and intervals between ICP rounds. These report and issues will add depth to our knowledge of ICP and it is needed to wait section 2 of FOC report for understanding all stages and country experiences of ICP 2011 which is important for finalization.

Thank you.