



UNITED NATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
STATISTICS DIVISION

**Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics
First meeting
New York, 3-6 December 2007**

Documents for the first meeting:

ESA/STAT/AC.137.1	List of documents
ESA/STAT/AC.137.2	Agenda
ESA/STAT/AC.137.3	List of participants
ESA/STAT/AC.137.4	Opening statement by the UNSD Director
ESA/STAT/AC.137.5	International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions, Revision 2 (IMTS, Rev.2)
ESA/STAT/AC.137.6	Towards the third revision of IMTS: Concepts and Definitions
ESA/STAT/AC.137.7	National practices in compilation and dissemination of international merchandise trade statistics: an overview
ESA/STAT/AC.137.8	Availability of international merchandise trade statistics: UN Comtrade from 1996 to 2006

Country Notes:

China	Country Note
Chile	Country Note
Czech Republic	Country Note
France	Country Note
Germany	Country Note
Malaysia	Country Note
Mexico	Country Note
Nigeria	Country Note
Norway	Country Note
Senegal	Country Note
United States	Country Note

Papers and Presentation by Agenda Item:

Monday, 3 December 2007 Morning session: 9:00 – 12:30

Item 5	<i>Why International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions need a new revision?</i>
UNSD	Presentation – Towards revised recommendations

Canada	Presentation
Eurostat	Presentation
UNSD	Presentation – Country practices and compliance

Monday, 3 December 2007 Afternoon session: 14:00 – 17:00

Item 6.i *Coverage and time of recording*
UNSD Presentation

Item 6.ii *Goods for Processing*
Canada Presentation
China Presentation
Czech Republic Presentation
Mexico Presentation
France Paper
France Presentation

Tuesday, 4 December 2007 Morning session: 9:00 – 12:30

Item 7 *Trade System*
UNSD Presentation
United Kingdom Presentation
United States Presentation
Chile Presentation
Viet Nam Presentation

Item 8 *Commodity classifications and Mode of Transport*
UNSD Presentation
Malaysia Presentation
United Kingdom Presentation
Chile Paper
Chile Presentation

Tuesday, 4 December 2007 Afternoon session: 14:00 – 17:00

Item 9.i *WTO Valuation Agreement*
Germany Paper
Germany Presentation
WTO Paper
WTO Presentation

Item 9.ii *Imports CIF and FOB*

Brazil	Presentation
United States	Presentation
Czech Republic	Presentation

Wednesday, 5 December 2007 Morning session: 9:00 – 12:30

Item 10	Quantity Measurement
UNSD	Presentation

Item 11.i	Partner country – Imports and Exports
UNSD	Presentation
Norway	Paper
Norway	Presentation
Ukraine	Presentation
Eurostat	Presentation

Wednesday, 5 December 2007 Afternoon session: 14:00 – 17:00

Item 11.ii	Partner country – Re-exports
Belgium	Presentation
Jordan	Paper

Item 12/13	Institutional arrangements and interagency cooperation; Overview of data sources and data compilation strategies
UNSD	Presentation
Germany	Presentation
Malaysia	Presentation
OECD	Presentation

Thursday, 6 December 2007 Morning session: 9:00 – 12:30

Item 14	Metadata and data quality
UNSD	Presentation
Italy	Presentation
France	Paper
France	Presentation

Item 15	Dissemination
UNSD	Presentation