Meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services

21-22 February 2006

UNSD, New York [Main UN building – room number to be notified]

Starting at 10.00 on first day

Draft AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Revision of Balance of Payments Manual related to trade in services frameworks
   a. SNA AEG Jan/Feb 2006 and CPC version 2 developments related to trade in services – UNSD reports for information
   b. Preparation of BOP Services classification paper for IMF BOP Committee – report by OECD/IMF

3. Update of the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services
   a. Discussion of proposed issues to be reviewed in the Update – Paper by OECD
   b. Consultation document for worldwide consultation - Draft prepared by OECD
      - the consultation document should be finalized at this TF meeting
   c. Process and timing of worldwide consultation
   d. Further work on CPC link to EBOPS – IMF/UNSD

4. Knowledge transfer and technical cooperation:
   a. WTO Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration and follow up on statistical needs related to trade in services – oral report by WTO
   b. Technical assistance – coordination update
   c. Improving links with regional country groupings working on trade in services measurement e.g. CARICOM/ COMESA/ ECLAC etc
   d. TF Seminars in 2006
   e. The TF website and newsletter – UNSD report

5. Monitoring progress on international trade in services data collection, dissemination, and quality.
   - Organisations will be invited to report on developments

6. Any other business.

7. Dates and locations of future TF meetings