

# Recent work of the Conference of European Statisticians

## **1. International migration flows among ECE Countries, 1991**

The ECE Statistical Division published its origin-destination matrix of the flows of migrants among ECE countries and between ECE countries and other regions for the 1991 calendar year period (CES/788.)

## **2. The twenty-third session of the Working Party on Electronic Data Processing (Geneva, 16–19 February 1993)**

The session considered (i) the impact of new technologies on statistical data processing, (ii) client-server techniques and other methods of linking microcomputers and mainframes, (iii) EDP applications in business registers, and (iv) development of EDISTAT. It was also informed of the development of the UNDP regional project on Applied Statistical Data Processing for transition countries. The session prepared a proposal for the programme of work of the forty-first plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES/WP.9/315.)

## **3. ECE-EUROSTAT joint work session on migration statistics (Geneva, 22–24 February 1993)**

The meeting discussed innovative approaches and supplementary data sources used by countries to produce improved estimates of international migration flows. The linking of immigrant flow and stock data and issues in east-west and south-north international migration flows were also discussed. One outcome of the meeting was the call made by participants for work on the revision of the UN recommendations on international migration statistics to be initiated on a priority basis (CED/779.)

## **4. Work session on statistical software STATWARE (Geneva, 23–24 March 1993)**

The meeting considered the further development of the STATWARD project based on the audit organized for this project. It was recommended to keep the

project in a dormant status until the 1995 plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians. In the meantime, proposals for further development should be considered in close cooperation with the Study Group on Computers in Survey Analysis (United Kingdom) which produces every second year a handbook on Software for Statistical Survey Analysis. This publication was used as a basic source of information for the STATWARE project (CES/757.)

**5. ECE-UNESCO joint work session on cultural statistics (Paris, 26–28 April 1993)**

National experiences in applying and using the UNESCO Framework for Cultural Statistics and the production and use of cultural indicators were discussed. (CES/776.)

**6. Meeting on housing statistics (Geneva, 10–13 May 1993)**

This meeting was convened jointly by the Conference of European Statisticians and the ECE Committee on Human Settlements, to conduct a detailed review of the draft text of the proposed new “European Programme of Current Housing and Building Statistics for Countries in the UN/ECE Region”. The meeting amended the draft, and it was subsequently submitted to the June 1993 plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians for approval. The Conference adopted them as the new set of recommendations on current housing and building statistics for countries in the region. (Report of the meeting: CES/AC.55/18; new set of recommendations adopted by the Conference: CES/AC.55/18/Add.1.)

**7. Work session on fertility and family surveys (Geneva, 24–25 May 1993)**

Experiences were exchanged on recent fertility and family surveys conducted in European and North American countries (CES/777.)

**8. Conference of European Statisticians plenary session (Geneva, 14–18 June 1993)**

The Conference of European Statisticians held its forty-first plenary session. In addition to considering approaches to the improvement of efficiency of the statistical process and work under way in the United States and Canada examining the economic concepts that underly economic classification systems, the Conference considered the consequences of increased UN/ECE membership, recent developments in transition countries and the framework for priority setting by the Conference. It also discussed the integrated presentation of the statistical work pro-

grammes of the ECE, the European Communities and the OECD, which for the first time was prepared for review at the plenary session (ECE/CES/43.)

**9. Joint OECD/ECE meeting of national accounts experts (Paris, 21–25 June 1993)**

The meeting considered questions related to the implementation of the revised SNA and to measuring hidden and informal activities in the national accounts (CES/793.)