

## Recent work of the Conference of European Statisticians

### **Meeting on statistics of fauna and flora (Geneva, 24–26 September 1984)**

The main purpose of the meeting was to provide guidance to the development of an international standard classification of fauna and flora statistics. The related recommendations are based on relevant work done in the framework of various international organizations. The meeting also identified a number of methodological topics for further work by the Conference in this area. The conclusions reached at the meeting are issued in document CES/550.

### **Consultation on the European Comparison Programme (Vienna, 13–15 November 1984)**

A consultation was held between Group II countries of the European Comparison Programme (ECP). It discussed the methodology and detailed work programme of the next round of international comparison of real product and purchasing power parities in this Group, which is currently composed of Austria, Finland, Hungary, Poland and Yugoslavia. In addition, twelve Group I countries participated in the ECP for the reference year 1985. The ECP will constitute a major part of the United Nations comparison project. According to the adopted time-table, the results of the ECP will be finalized for Group I countries in December 1986 and for Group II countries in June 1987. The conclusions reached at the consultation are included in document CES/543.

### **Second meeting on economic classifications (Geneva, 19–23 November 1984)**

The meeting reviewed the progress made by the United Nations Statistical Office, the Statistical Office of the European Communities and the Secretariat of the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance in the revision and harmonization of international economic classifications. Participants considered in detail the revised draft of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) and the draft of a new Combined Trade/Production Goods Classification (CPC). The report of the meeting was issued as document CES/AC.59/11.

**Meeting on statistics of solid waste** (Geneva, 10–12 December 1984)

The meeting started with a review of national classifications used in solid waste statistics. On that basis, a preliminary draft international standard classification was outlined. It was recommended to complement that tentative version with the necessary definitions and descriptions of categories, and to test the results of this work in connection with the forthcoming experimental compendium of environment statistics in ECE member countries. The meeting also specified a list of methodological topics for further work by the Conference in this field. The conclusions reached at the meeting are included in document CES/551.