

Forthcoming meetings convened by the Conference of the European Statisticians

1. Work session on fertility and family surveys (Geneva, April 1991)

Over the course of the last several years, the ECE's Population Activities Unit has been working in collaboration with demographic centers and other interested institutions in the ECE region in developing a framework and the core questionnaires for family-based fertility surveys planned to be taken in selected ECE countries in the coming years. This work session has been convened to permit national statistical offices in the region to consider the results that have been achieved in the preparatory work in this project to date.

2. Consultation on costing aspects of population and housing censuses (Geneva, May 1991)

This consultation is being held in order to enable the four countries which have agreed to conduct a study in this field (France, Hungary, Sweden and the United Kingdom) under the programme of work of the Conference, to prepare a plan for the study and to agree on a division of labour among the countries concerned.

3. Work session on specific methodological issues in environment statistics (Ottawa, Canada, May 1991)

The session will be held in Ottawa at the invitation of the Canadian government. It will be organized jointly between the ECE and the Commission of the European Communities. The participants will discuss (i) presentation, dissemination and storage of environment statistics, (ii) linkage of environment and economic statistics, and (iii) air quality and related statistics.

4. Work session on statistics of fauna, flora and habitats (Geneva, June 1991)

The meeting is supposed to review definitions of status categories and of categories of area protection, and to investigate possibilities of developing

statistics on habitat characteristics as well as on ecosystems. Finally, the possibility of incorporating the concept of “conversation care” into the draft framework for fauna, flora and habitat statistics will be considered.

**5. Thirty-ninth plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians
(Geneva, June 1991)**

The annual session of the Conference will focus on questions of co-ordination of international statistical co-operation in the region. The assistance of the Conference to the transition process in statistical offices of central and eastern Europe will be a second major theme. Finally, the Conference will review the aspects on environmental accounting in a substantive discussion.