

Forthcoming meetings convened by the Conference of the European Statisticians

Meeting on consumer price indices (Geneva, November 1991)

The meeting is convened jointly by the ILO and the Conference of European Statisticians. It will consider the experiences in (i) the use of sample-based methods (such as interpenetrating samples) for estimating the precision of CPIs; (ii) problems in price observations and in basic aggregations; (iii) treatment of financial and insurance services; (iv) treatment of quality changes mandated by government (such as antipollution devices), and (v) harmonization of work on prices among national accounting, CPI and ICP.

Fifth meeting of the Steering Committee of the ECE/UNDP Statistical Computing Project Phase-2 (SCP-2) (Bratislava, Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, November 1991)

The Steering Committee will review the activities of the Joint Groups carried out during the lifetime of SCP-2. The revision will be based on the Final Report on activities and final outcomes of the joint work within the SCP-2 elaborated by the ECE secretariat in cooperation with the Technical Advisor of SCP-2. Furthermore, the Steering Committee will be informed on activities going on in Subprogramme 12.2 – Statistical Information Technology – of the programme of work of the Conference of European Statisticians. In addition, the Steering Committee will be notified on the status of the Transition Project on Applied Statistical Computing (TPS) and may recommend further steps in its preparation.

Working Party on Transport Statistics (Geneva, November 1991)

The Working Party will, *inter alia*, consider (i) censuses of road traffic in E-roads; (ii) international statistics on the road transport industry; (iii) international statistics on the transport of perishable foodstuffs; (iv) draft manual on price and quantity indices; and, (v) definitions used in the ECE transport and road traffic accidents statistics. The Working Party meets under the joint auspices of the

Conference of European Statisticians and the Inland Transport Committee of the ECE.

Meeting on water quality statistics (Geneva, December 1991)

The meeting is convened to revise the draft ECE Standard Statistical Classification of Ecological Freshwater Quality. The revision will be based on the test of the draft classification that was undertaken during the collection of data for the 1991 Compendium of ECE Environment Statistics.

Task force on environmental accounting (Geneva, December 1991)

The Conference of European Statisticians decided in June 1991 to undertake developmental work in the field of environmental accounting. The task force is asked to suggest detailed items for such work to be included in the Conference's work programme.

Work session on economic statistics of the environment (Geneva, December 1991)

The meeting is convened to revise the draft ECE statistical structures of environmental protection expenditures and facilities. The revision is to be based on the test of the draft structures that were undertaken during the collection of data for the 1991 Compendium of ECE Environment Statistics.