

## Forthcoming meetings convened by the Conference of European Statisticians

### **Work session on statistics of women (Geneva, April 1992)**

This meeting is convened jointly by the UN International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) and the Conference of European Statisticians. The participants will review plans for a 1992/93 ECE statistical publication on the situation of women in Europe and North America, exchange experience on the use of innovative approaches with existing national statistics on women, and discuss problems and issues in measuring economic contributions of women through time-use and other sources.

### **Work session on population and housing censuses (Geneva, May 1992)**

The participants will discuss the wide range of uses of census data, the public acceptance of censuses, ways to improve directing census products towards users' needs, recent developments in census data dissemination, and alternatives to censuses and census-type statistics.

### **Work session on energy statistics (Geneva, May 1992)**

The meeting is convened to reconsider the contents and structure of the ECE publication programme of energy statistics, including the streamlining of data collection mechanisms. The review will include a study of a possible further harmonization of the overall energy balance prepared by the ECE, the IEA/OECD and EUROSTAT. Finally, the work session is expected to recommend activities, if any, to promote the compilation and dissemination of energy statistics for transition countries.

### **Seminar on integrated statistical information systems and related matters, ISIS '92 (Bratislava, Czech and Slovak Federal Republic May 1992)**

The purpose of the Seminar is to study methods and techniques of statistical computing and to support selected transition projects. The following issues will be dis-

cussed: (i) common user interfaces to statistical databases; (ii) geographical information systems; (iii) techniques for archiving and disseminating large amounts of data; (iv) EDP applications for business registers; (v) development of electronic data interchange for statistics (EDISTAT).

**Fortieth plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians (Geneva, June 1992)**

The Conference will, in addition to its annual review of its work programme, discuss experiences obtained by statistical offices during the taking of population censuses in recent years. The statistical publications of ECE will be reviewed, and recommendations for modification of the publication programme are expected. A special session will be devoted to issues concerning the directors of statistical offices of OECD countries.