

# Forthcoming meetings convened by the Conference of European Statisticians

## **1. Meeting on general methodological problems in environment statistics** (Wiesbaden, April 1985)

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has invited the meeting to Wiesbaden. The collection of environmental data through procedures other than random sampling, the compilation of generalized environment statistics, questions of the presentation of environment statistics and the analysis of environmental parameters displaying variation over time and/or space are among the topics for discussion at the meeting. The meeting will base its considerations on contributions from seven different countries.

## **2. Sixteenth session of the Study Group on Food and Agricultural Statistics in Europe** (Geneva, July 1985)

The meeting is convened jointly by the FAO, the ECE Committee on Agricultural Problems and the Conference of European Statisticians. It will review the recommendations made by the Study Group at different stages for the collection and compilation of statistics of various commodity groups. The review will also cover products which had not been dealt with in earlier work (e.g. tobacco, fibre crops, etc.). The meeting will also consider a draft of a complete guideline on area, production and utilization statistics for the various agricultural commodities.

## **3. Meeting on socio-economic group classifications** (Geneva, May 1985)

The meeting will consider possibilities of the Conference developing a sound socio-economic classification scheme for assigning socio-economic positions to households and to individuals, and capable of being used with data from censuses, household surveys and other sources.

## **4. Meeting on censuses of population** (Geneva, May 1985)

This meeting is one of the first steps being undertaken by the Conference on the preparation of a set of recommendations for the 1990 round of population

and housing censuses in the ECE region. It will review difficulties experienced by countries with the recommendations for the 1980 round, identify the portions of the recommendations which are in need of revision and define the work required by the conference with a view to drawing up the new set of recommendations.

**5. Thirty-third plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians (Geneva, June 1985)**

The Conference will consider the following topics in substantive discussions: (i) Problems of publication, dissemination and interpretation of data; and (ii) the dependency of the quality of statistics upon the quality of registers and other bases for the production of survey data.

The Conference will also review the work accomplished during the year 84/85 and prepare a revised programme of work for 1985/86–1989/90. Notably, it will review in detail its past, current and planned work in the field of population and housing censuses.