Forthcoming meetings convened by the Conference of European Statisticians

Meeting on Censuses of Housing (Geneva, September 1985)

This is one of several meetings that the Conference has convened to work on the preparation of a new set of recommendations for the 1990 round of population and housing censuses in the ECE region. The participants will review any difficulties that countries might have experienced in attempting to comply with the recommendations for the 1980 round of housing censuses in the region, identify the parts of the recommendations for the 1980 round of housing censuses which they feel should be revised, and elaborate and propose preparatory work on housing censuses to be undertaken by the ECE secretariat and countries prior to the meeting on population and housing censuses that the Conference plans to convene in 1987 to review the draft set of recommendations for the 1990 round of population and housing censuses in the ECE region. The Conference has convened the forthcoming meeting on housing censuses jointly with the ECE Committee on Housing, Building and Planning.

Seminar on Methodological Questions relating to Farm Bookkeeping Data (The Hague, October 1985)

The Seminar will take place in The Hague at the invitation of the Government of The Netherlands. It is convened jointly by the Conference of European Statisticians, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the ECE Committee on Agricultural Problems. Its purpose is to provide a forum for studying methodological questions relating to farm bookkeeping data and their harmonization with other agricultural statistics. The following topics will be considered at the Seminar:

- (i) Place of bookkeeping system in the overall system of agricultural statistics; evaluation of farm bookkeeping results;
- (ii) data-collection procedures (possibilities of harmonization of sampling methods, stratification, etc.);
- (iii) output and input (methods, measurements, concepts and possibilities of harmonization);

(iv) income, taxation, fixed capital, financial assets, liabilities (methods, measurement, concepts and possibilities of harmonization).

The Seminar is primarily intended for individuals concerned with the methodological development of agriculture statistics, the organization of statistical surveys and inquiries in agriculture, and the development and use of bookkeeping systems for small- and large-scale farms. All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country or international organization. Additional information on the Seminar may be obtained either from national statistical offices in the ECE region or from the ECE secretariat.

Second meeting of the Task Force on Statistical Computing (Belgrade, November 1985)

The Task Force will review the work accomplished by the Joint Groups since its first meeting (Geneva, February 1985). It will also review and co-ordinate the work and meeting schedules of the Joint Groups for 1986.

Meeting on statistics of solid waste (Geneva, November 1985)

The meeting is convened to consider a comprehensive proposal of a draft ECE Standard International Classification of Solid Wastes, which also covers hazardous wastes. In addition, it will make a proposal for the coverage of solid waste statistics in the forthcoming experimental Compendium of ECE Environment Statistics.

Meeting on Environmental Indicators (Geneva, November 1986)

The meeting will consider the approach followed in the elaboration of a draft ECE System of Environmental Indicators. It will discuss a first set of such indicators and make proposals regarding the use of this set in the compilation of the forthcoming trial Compendium of ECE Environment Statistics.

Meeting on frameworks for environment statistics (Geneva, December 1986)

The Conference of European Statisticians endorsed, in 1984, the plan to publish an experimental Compendium of ECE Environment Statistics. The meeting is convened to advise the ECE secretariat on the contents of the trial Compendium, on questions of presentation of information in it and on the organization of the related work.