

Recent work of the Conference of European Statisticians

1. Meeting on statistics of air quality (Geneva, 4–6 September 1989)

The meeting finalized the ECE Standard Statistical Classification of Ambient Air Quality. This text will be submitted to the Conference of European Statisticians for adoption next June. The classification will include, in the form of an annex, an evaluation of the most common analytical methods used in measuring concentrations of air pollutants. (Report of the meeting: CSE/AC.64/5.)

2. Work session on specific methodological issues in environment statistics (Budapest, 8–13 September 1989)

The meeting was held in Hungary upon an invitation by the Hungarian Government. Four issues were on the agenda of the session: environment statistics of human settlements; linkage of environment with social and demographic statistics and through land information; and quality control and quality assessment of environment statistics. The session also recommended the topics to be considered at the 1990 and the 1991 edition of this cycle of annual work sessions.

3. Work session on statistics of the distribution of income of households (Geneva, 25–27 September 1989)

The session considered the present stage of work on this subject, in particular results of bilateral comparisons of distribution of income between Hungary and the Netherlands. It also identified the main directions of future work.

4. Seminar on demographic projections (Balatonöszöd, Hungary, 25–27 September 1989)

This seminar was held in Balatonöszöd at the invitation of the Government of Hungary. The participants considered papers covering a wide range of topics, such as general projection practices and methods; projections of fertility, mortality, international migration, households and families and subnational projections;

projections produced by intergovernmental organizations; and evaluation of projections. There was also discussion on approaches taken to service special user needs in the field of projections. (Report of the seminar: CES/SEM.26/3.)

5. Third joint meeting on questions of statistics concerning engineering industries and automation (Geneva, 16–18 October 1989)

The meeting was convened jointly by the Conference of European Statisticians and the ECE Working Party on Engineering Industries and Automation. It considered the Draft Annual Review of Engineering Industries and Automation for 1988 as well as methods of collection and publication of data relating to engineering industries. Various methodological aspects of statistics of these industries were discussed, such as classification of new products and the harmonization of national and international classifications. (Report of the meeting: CSE/AC.57/26.)