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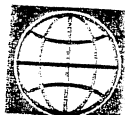
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Proposed Organization of Work

Day one: Tuesday 14 December 2004

- 09:00 – 09:45 Registration of participants.
10:00 – 10:45 Opening of the meeting
10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

First Session:

Chairperson:

- 11:00 – 11:15 **Adoption of the agenda**
11:15 – 12:00 Overview of current revision processes affecting the measurement of international trade in services
a) Update of the 1993 System of National Accounts (*UNSD*)
b) Revision of the Balance of Payments Manual (*IMF*)
c) Revision of international classifications (ISIC, CPC, EBOPS) (*UNSD*)
12:00 – 12:20 Status of International Trade in Services Statistics in the ESCWA region (*ESCWA*)
12:20 – 12:30 Discussion

Second Session:

Chairperson:

- 13:30 – 14:30 The General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services (MSITS) - An Introduction (*WTO*)
14:30 – 14:45 **Coffee Break**
14:45 – 15:30 The General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services (MSITS) - An Introduction (*WTO*)
15:30 – 16:00 Discussion
16:00 – 16:30 Country presentations (*Palestine*)

Day Two: Wednesday 15 December 2004

Third Session:

Chairperson:

- 09:00 – 09:45 Use of statistics of international trade in services (*World Bank*)
09:45 – 10:15 Discussion
10:15 – 10:30 **Coffee Break**
10:30 – 12:00 Services transactions between residents and non-residents (*IMF*).
12:00 – 12:30 Discussion
12:30 – 12:45 **Coffee Break**
12:45 – 13:30 Data collection on international trade in services at the international level (*UNSD, IMF*)
13:30 – 14:00 Discussion
14:00 – 15:00 Country Presentation (*Egypt, Iraq, Jordan*).

Day Three: Thursday 16 December 2004

Fourth Session:

Chairperson:

- 09:00 – 10:30 Foreign affiliate trade in services statistics (FATS) (UNCTAD)
10:30 – 11:00 Discussion
11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**
11:15 – 11:45 Country presentations (*Yemen & Syria*)
11:45 – 12:10 Experience of ESCWA member countries on compilation of foreign direct investment statistics (FDI) (ESCWA)
12:10 – 12:30 Discussion
12:30 – 12:45 **Coffee Break**
12:45 – 13:15 Country presentations (*Qatar & Oman*)
13:15 – 14:45 Measurement of remittances and other flows in the context of the movement of natural persons (UNSD)
a) Mode 4 in GATS and MSITS (WTO)
b) Extended framework for the movement of natural persons
c) Measurement of remittances
14:45 – 15:15 Discussion

Day Four: Friday 17 December 2004

Fifth Session:

Chairperson:

- 09:00 – 09:45 Country Presentation (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait)
09:45 – 10:45 General discussion
10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

Sixth Session:

Chairperson

- 12:30 – 14:00 Conclusions and recommendations.

