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Joint UNECE/ILO Meeting on Consumer Price Indices
for Countries with Economies in Transition

Ninth meeting
Geneva, 7 May 2008

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINTH MEETING

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday 7 May 2008 in Room XII

1. Adoption of the agenda and election of chairs
2. Introduction to the Consumer Price Indices (CPI) Manual and to the Practical Guide to Compiling CPIs: a supplementary handbook to the CPI Manual
3. Presentation and discussion of the CPI Manual and the Handbook
4. Conclusion of the meeting

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

- 09.30-09.40 Item 1: Adoption of the agenda and election of chairs**
- 09.40-10.20 Item 2: Introduction to the CPI Manual and to the Practical Guide to Compiling CPIs: a supplementary handbook to the CPI Manual**
- 09.40-10.10 Presenter: Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom
 References: CPI Manual: Theory and practice; Supplementary Handbook to the CPI Manual
- 10.10-10.20 General discussion and comments on the manuals
- 10.20-17.20 Item 3: Presentation and discussion of the CPI Manual and the Handbook**
- 10.20-10.40 **Scope and Uses of CPI**
 Presenter: (To be confirmed)
 References: Chapters 2 and 3 of the CPI Manual, and Chapters 2 and 3 of the Handbook
- 10.40-11.00 **Price collection**
 Presenter: Ghana Statistical Service, Ghana
 References: Chapter 6 of the CPI Manual, and Chapter 6 of the Handbook
- 11.00–11.20 Coffee break
- 11.20–11.40 **Substitution, quality changes and new products**
 Presenter: Federal Service for State Statistics (RosStat), Russian Federation
 References: Chapters 7 and 8 of the CPI Manual, and Chapters 7 and 8 of the Handbook
- 11.40–12.00 **Index computation, chain linking and re-weighting**
 Presenter:
 References: Chapter 9 of the CPI Manual, and Chapter 9 of the Handbook
- 12.00-12.30 **Discussion of country experiences**
- 12.30-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30–14.50 **Expenditure weights and their sources**
 Presenter: (To be confirmed)
 References: Chapter 4 of the CPI Manual, and Chapter 4 of the Handbook

- 14.50–15.10 **Sampling**
 Presenter: (To be confirmed)
 References: Chapter 5 of the CPI Manual, and Chapter 5 of the Handbook
- 15.10–15.30 **Treatment of special cases**
 Presenter: (To be confirmed)
 References: Chapter 10 of the CPI Manual and Chapter 10 of the Handbook
- 15.30–15.50 **Discussion of country experiences**
- 15.50–16.10 Coffee break
- 16.10–16.25 **Errors and bias**
 Presenter: (To be confirmed)
 References: Chapter 11 of the CPI Manual, and Chapters 12 and 13 of the Handbook
- 16.25–16.40 **Organization and management**
 Presenter: (To be confirmed)
 References: Chapter 12 of the CPI Manual, and Chapters 15 and 16 of the Handbook
- 16.40–16.55 **Publication, dissemination and related issues**
 Presenter: (To be confirmed)
 References: Chapter 13 of the CPI Manual, and Chapters 11, 14 and 17 of the Handbook
- 16.55–17.10 **CPI/ICP Integration**
 Presenter: (To be confirmed)
 References: Annex 4 of the CPI Manual and Chapter 18 of the Handbook
- 17.10–17.20 **Discussion of country experiences**
- 17.20–17.30 **Item 4: Conclusion of the meeting**
