

**STATISTICS DIRECTORATE**

**SUMMARY OUTCOMES OF IMF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE 2005  
RELATED TO SERVICES**

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Goods for processing**

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## **IMF Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics**

### Summary outcomes of the June 27–July 1, 2005 meeting on services items

#### **Technical assistance:**

- 1) The Committee decided to treat provision of technical assistance as supply of services by the donor to the recipient, funded by a transfer.
- 2) The Committee decided that the new manual should spell out related valuation and classification issues.

#### **Goods for Processing:**

- 1) The Committee decided that the treatment of goods for processing having imputed change of ownership in some cases but not others should be changed to a consistent treatment that there would be an imputation in no cases or all cases.
- 2) The Committee was evenly divided as to whether imputations should be made in all cases or in none.
- 3) The Committee decided that additional data on processing fees, materials, and finished goods flows should be provided to show a full picture of processing arrangements.

#### **Merchanting:**

- 1) The Committee expressed the objective of properly reflecting global production and marketing processes while taking into account concerns both about deviating from the change of ownership principle and avoiding excessive grossing up of export and import flows.
- 2) The Committee proposed that a working group including Bill Cave, Robert Dippelsman, Anne Harrison, Ivo Havinga, Toshi Takeda and Markus van Wersch, as well as any Committee member, would work to come up with a solution.
- 3) In the meantime, for the AEG meeting, the issues would be discussed, but it would be suggested that a decision be delayed.

#### **Travel and the classification of services**

- 1) On expenditure by military personnel and civil servants employed in government enclaves abroad, the Committee's preference was to include them under the relevant goods and non-travel services categories, or failing specific identification, to government services n.i.e., as now, rather than in *travel*, as proposed.
- 2) It was decided to refer the proposals of the TSG of the Inter-agency Coordination Group (IACG) on Tourism Statistics (TS) related to *travel* and the proposal of the Task Force on International Trade in Services related to services classification to Committee members for electronic discussion, with comments to the Fund by August 15, so that the Task Force can be informed, at its September 2005 meeting, of the Committee's decisions.

**CPC-EBOPS**

- 1) Because of the links between EBOPS and CPC, it was noted that the IMF which had taken responsibility for EBOPS would undertake work over the next few months to define linkages between EBOPS and CPC.