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Beginning at 10 a.m. on the first day

**Monday, 17th September, morning**

**8th International Trade Statistics Expert Meeting**

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| **2.** | Opening  
   a) Report of the 7th ITS Meeting 11-13 September 2006  
   b) Update on recent events - OECD oral report including the proposed creation of a Working Party on International Trade in Goods and Trade in Services Statistics – OECD oral report |
| **3.** | New developments at OECD  
   b) Meeting user needs- specific analytical extensions of ITCS - OECD  
   c) The Joint UNSD-OECD Trade Data Storage and Processing System – an outlook  
   i) OECD  
   ii) UNSD |
| **4.** | New Developments in OECD Member countries and selected Non-member countries – country oral reports (tour de table) |
| **5.** | Inter-Agency Co-operation and coordination  
   a) Report from the Inter-Agency Merchandise Trade Statistics Task Force - WTO  
   b) The Common Data Set – authoritative world trade aggregates for users across the world – a joint initiative WTO, UNSD, Eurostat, and OECD – Oral report by WTO |
6. **Data quality and analysis**

   a) Results of the OECD Quality reviews for OECDs trade databases ITCS and MSIT and reaction of CSTAT
   
   b) Monthly Statistics (MSIT): quality review implications and scope for more synergies with MEI
   
   c) Foreign Trade Statistics: developments in Latin America - presentation from Brazil
   
   d) The new UNSD Compilers Manual and Supplements - broadening the scope - UNSD

   *(The Secretariat invites delegates to comment on points 6(a) to 6(d))*

7. **Methodological Research and Analysis**

   a) Export performance indicators and the international growth of re-exports - CPB Netherlands
   
   b) Analysis of asymmetries of trade statistics between Germany and China - FSO Germany
   
   
   d) Simplification of Intrastat : Current state of play - Eurostat

   *(The Secretariat invites delegates to comment on 7(a) to 7(d) and suggest future research topics)*

8. **Methodological Research: Linkages of Trade and Structural Business Statistics**

   a) OECD progress report
   
   b) Eurostat Results of the Standardisation Exercise – Eurostat

   *(The Secretariat invites in particular delegates from Non-EU OECD countries to comment and express possibilities for participating in this work)*

9. **Other business and close of ITS meeting**
**Tuesday 18 September 9.30**

**Joint 8th International Trade Statistics (ITS) and Trade in Services (TIS) Session**

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<td>OECD and Globalisation: Organisational arrangements and horizontal cooperation across Directorates, work of the Reflection Group on Globalisation Statistics and Indicators</td>
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| b) | OECDs Trade Indicators Project (TIP): methodological improvements and extended coverage  
*(The Secretariat invites delegates to advise on further analytical extensions)* |
| c) | OECD Globalisation Indicators: - OECD (STI and STD) |
| d) | Globalisation projects at Eurostat - Eurostat |
| e) | The Space sector and International Trade – OECD/ SG/AU report |
| f) | The “re-design” of French Enterprise Statistics to better meet globalisation needs – conclusions of the CNIS Working Group – country report France |
| g) | The way forward: the future role of STDs statistical and analytical work on globalisation and trade in the context of the creation of WPTGS – OECD oral report  
*(The Secretariat will invite views from delegates (tour de table) on future directions and priorities)* |

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch**

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| a) | Progress report IMF - BPM 6 Chapter 10 Goods and services account  
*(Delegates are invited to discuss some issues related to treatment of intellectual property transactions)* |
| b) | Goods for Processing  
ii) From Goods for processing to Manufacturing services – What needs be done to measure these? For discussion - OECD/UNSD/WTO/IMF oral presentation  
*(The Secretariat invites delegates to express their opinion)* |
| Room document 4 |

**12.** | Foreign Affiliates Statistics  
- FATS and Trade in services – some analytical issues – OECD presentation  
Room Document 1 |

**13.** | Revision of the Benchmark definition of FDI – OECD/DAFFE Oral report |

**14.** | Quality of Balance of Payments Statistics |
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| b) | Austrian methodological changes in Balance of Payments and impact on trade in goods and services statistics – Austrian National Bank  PPT  
Room Document 2 |
### 15. Balance of payments and the Rest of the World account SNA
- a) Eurostat/ECB Rest of the World Task Force – Eurostat/ECB
- b) Trade in goods and services: A report on differences in two OECD datasets

STD/NAES/TASS/SERV(2007)7
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### 16. Provisional conclusions and future Programme of Work

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**Cocktail reception: 18h-20h**

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**Wednesday 19 September 9.30**

*OECD-Eurostat Expert Meeting on Trade-in-services Statistics*

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<td>b) Eurostat activities in trade in services and related balance of payments areas for information</td>
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<td>d) Towards a services trade restrictiveness index – OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate - for discussion</td>
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(Delegates will be invited to comment on the statistics component of the project and consider any implications for the Revision of the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services)

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<td>a) Progress report and timetable</td>
<td>STD/NAES/TASS/SERV(2007)3</td>
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<td>b) Outline of Revised Manual with main proposed changes and questions for discussion on:</td>
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<td>iv) A new analytical annex</td>
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(The Secretariat will seek delegates advice on questions raised regarding proposals for changes to the Manual)

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<td>b) UNSD data collection - UNSD</td>
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20. **Data quality and analysis**  
   a) Bilateral flows and asymmetries - OECD  
   *Delegates are invited to comment on findings*  
   b) Methodological improvements in data collection  
      - Inter-institutional cooperation in Spain – Banco de España and INE - PPT  
   c) Developing Trade in services Statistics in Vietnam – GSO Vietnam – PPT  
      *(Item c depends on time available)*  

   Room document 5  

   Room document 6

21. **Research:**  
   a) Trade in services by industry – Presentation by Statistics Canada PPT  

   b) Downloaded products and online services - Can we measure cross-border trade? - Presentation by OECD  

   Room document 3

22. **Remittances**  
   a) Luxembourg Group on Remittances – Eurostat /IMF/OECD Oral report  

   b) OECD Statistics Directorate Work on Remittances – OECD Oral report

23. **Future Programme of Work and Draft Conclusions**

24. **Other business and date of next meeting**  

   **Close**