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Activities carried out in response to the requests of the UN Statistical Commission

A. Questionnaire on the plans of IMTS 2010 implementation
B. Revision of the IMTS Compilers Manual
   i. Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (EG-IMTS)
   ii. Worldwide consultation with countries
   iii. Meeting on compilation issues in December 2011
   iv. Task Force on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (TF-IMTS)
C. Request for additional data items and update of UN Comtrade
D. Global forum on trade statistics, seminars and workshops
Overview of the updated IMTS Compilers Manual

Part I – Legal framework and data sources
Part II – Data Compilation
Part III – Compilation of particular data items
Part IV – Compilation of data on trade in selected categories of goods
Part V – Metadata and dissemination
Part VI – External trade indices and seasonally adjusted data
Further implementation programme for IMTS 2010

- Increasing the usefulness of merchandise trade statistics
- Completion of the Compilers Manual and further development – continued involvement of the EG-IMTS
- Technical assistance
- Upgrade of UN Comtrade
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- Future research agenda and international cooperation
  a) imbalances in partner statistics
  b) finding further innovative methods of linking trade and business statistics in the context of an integrated approach to economic statistics
  c) researching ways to assess trade in terms of value added and to clarify the nature of the international production chain
  d) good practices in the compilation of the trade indices and various analytical indicators
  e) finding possibilities for providing better quantity information