

**STATISTICAL COMMISSION and
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

Consultation on the European Comparison Programme
(Geneva, 23-25 October 2000)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on 23-25 October 2000, starting at 2.00 p.m. on the first day

- 1. Current status of the ECP :**
 - EU Member States and Candidate countries
 - OECD countries
 - CIS countries

- 2. Methodological developments:**
 - Classification
 - Treatment of health, education and housing
 - Treatment of construction in the CIS countries
 - Treatment of basic headings for which no prices are collected

- 3. Completion of "1999 round" of ECP**
 - Countries coverage
 - Linking results of different country groups
 - Choice of reference country and numeraire currency
 - Quality and limitations of overall comparison results (at what level of detail should results be published)
 - Timetable for completion and publication

- 4. Management and financial implications of continuing the ECP**
 - Uses of the ECP results

- 5. Future work**
 - Updating "1999" results
 - Next round
 - OECD-China bilateral comparison (for information)