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REPORT OF THE NOVEMBER 1999 JOINT ECE/Eurostat/OECD/IEA MEETING
ON ENERGY STATISTICS

Note prepared by the Secretariat

INTRODUCTION

1. The joint ECE/Eurostat/OECD/IEA Meeting on Energy Statistics was held in Paris from 22-23 November 1999. It was attended by Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom and United States of America. The representatives of the UN Statistics Division also attended. A representative from FAO also participated. Also present at the meeting were representatives of OPEC, Latin American Energy Organisation (OLADE), Association of European electricity producing companies (UNIPED), Asia-Pacific Economic Council (APEC), World Energy Council (WEC), Euroheat and European Solid Fuels' Association (CESCO).

2. The provisional agenda was adopted.

ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

3. The meeting was organised in the following eight sessions:
- (i) Joint energy questionnaires (chaired by Mr. Rhyzard Gilecki - Poland);
 - (ii) Combined heat and power: Is there a need to change methodologies (chaired by Mr. Louis DeMouy - United States of America);
 - (iii) Entering the 21st century: Impact of new fuels on statistics (chaired by Mr. Louis DeMouy - United States of America);
 - (iv) Trade in coal, gas, oil and electricity : Reporting ultimate origins and destinations (chaired by Mr. Louis DeMouy - United States of America);
 - (v) From Centrally Planned Economies to Market economies: Impact on statistics - The experience of selected countries (chaired by Mr. Graham White - United Kingdom);
 - (vi) How will liberalisation of energy markets affect statistics? (chaired by Mr. Graham White - United Kingdom);
 - (vii) Energy and environment: Will Kyoto lead to a need for more/better statistics? (chaired by Mr. Graham White - United Kingdom);
 - (viii) Energy efficiency and human activities: better statistics to see the link (chaired by Mr. Richard Lavergne - France).

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN CONCLUSIONS REACHED AT THE MEETING

4. The meeting substantively dealt with only issue, namely the revision of the existing four Eurostat-IEA-ECE energy questionnaires and introduction of a new questionnaire on renewable resources.

RECOMMENDED FUTURE WORK

5. Participants did not express interest in having another joint meeting in the period 2000/2001.
