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**Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators
Workshop on Waste Statistics**

Geneva, 11-13 April 2012

Annotated provisional agenda¹

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9:30 a.m.
on Wednesday, 11 April 2012**

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6. Session 3: Group exercises, discussion and presentations
 - (a) Countries' experience in methods of producing and validation of waste statistics (presentations by countries)

¹ This document was submitted late due to the need to consult with the other institutions involved in organizing the meeting.

- (b) Group work on key issues and challenges
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The workshop is organised by the UNECE as a joint activity with Eurostat and the European Environment Agency (EEA) and will be conducted in close collaboration with the Joint UNECE Task Force on Environmental Indicators.

2. Presentation of workshop objectives

The workshop is intended for national experts involved in the production of waste statistics from countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and Western Balkans. The participants are expected to be acquainted with waste statistics and have at least some knowledge of waste quantities and statistical methods applied in their country.

The workshop will focus on how to compile and disseminate waste statistics. In particular, it will discuss practical challenges and problems in producing statistical data, information and indicators on waste generation and waste management, including recovery and disposal of waste. Experts from international organizations and institutions will be invited to share experience and broaden the exchange of knowledge and best practices.

The workshop is expected to strengthen the capacity of countries to produce statistics on generation and management of waste and to provide the participants with more profound understanding of methods and tools to improve the quality and comparability of their national waste statistics.

3. Overview of the workshop programme

The morning sessions will include presentations from international organizations and institutions who will share their experience in the area of statistics on waste generation and waste management. This concerns the collection of data at EU and global level, developing questionnaires, methodologies, manuals and classifications. Selected countries with strong experience in the area will present their national practices in developing and production of waste statistics.

The afternoon sessions will be devoted to the exchange of experience between countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and Western Balkans regions. They will consist of presentations, group exercises and discussions. Countries from the region will present case studies. The group exercises will aim to identify key issues and challenges. The information collected through a questionnaire on waste indicators produced by the members of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators will be used as a basis for the discussion.

4. Session 1: Generation and management of industrial waste

The experience of European Union countries in producing statistics on non-hazardous and hazardous industrial waste will be considered during the session.

5. Session 2: Generation and management of municipal waste

The discussion will focus on generation and management of municipal solid waste, which includes all municipal waste collected and the estimated amount of municipal waste from areas not served by a municipal waste collection service.

6. Session 3: Group exercises, discussion and presentations

The group exercises will cover the following key issues and challenges:

(a) Data sources: Problems with collection of data from industries and municipalities; problems with collection of data from private or state sources, irregular reporting.

(b) Data availability, time series: Availability of data and the time series. Where are the data gaps? Insufficient coverage of the data (are all industrial sectors covered, municipalities); timeliness of the data.

(c) Validation of data: How is validation done? Are validation used against other sources, e.g. custom data on hazardous waste.

(d) Methodologies: Inconsistencies in methodologies and how to cope with them, e.g. measurement units, estimations, etc; practical examples of identified inconsistencies.

(e) Comparability across countries: How does the use of different methods affect the comparability of the results across countries?

7. Session 4: Hazardous waste management

The session will review issues related to the transboundary movement of a wide range of waste defined as “hazardous waste”. The session will also describe methods and national practices in producing statistics on generation and disposal of hazardous waste.

8. Session 5: Classification of waste

The European classification framework of waste statistics will be presented. In addition, the session will discuss current waste classification procedures and reporting systems in EECCA and Western Balkan countries. Alternative approaches based on the EU waste classification and reporting framework will be considered.

9. Session 6: Group exercises, discussion and presentations

The group exercises will cover the following key issues and challenges:

(a) Classifications and definitions: Problems and issues; introduction of a new classification; changing the terminology, e.g. toxic versus hazardous waste, etc.

(b) Legal framework: Review of the national legal framework with respect to reporting requirements; legislation defining the needs and the procedures to collect information on waste

(c) Dissemination of data: Publications; statistical yearbooks; websites; users of waste statistics.

10. Session 7: Waste management – recovery of waste

The session will discuss methodologies on reuse and recycling of waste. The topic of waste statistics is closely linked to renewable energy, and therefore, a presentation on waste and renewable energy is also included under this topic.

11. Session 8: Recommendations for future work

This session will outline the main gaps and problems in the area of waste statistics in the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. The session will also propose steps for further improvement.

III. Organization of work

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