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Joint ECE-Eurostat-ILO Seminar on  
Measurement of the Quality of Employment  
(Geneva, 3-5 May 2000)

**STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE  
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES  
(EUROSTAT)**

**INTERNATIONAL LABOUR  
ORGANIZATION**

## **REPORT**

### **Participation**

1. The Joint ECE-Eurostat-ILO Seminar on Measurement of the Quality of Employment was held in Geneva from 3 to 5 May 2000. It was attended by delegates of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and United Kingdom. The European Commission was represented by Eurostat. Australia participated under Article 11 of the terms of reference of the ECE. Representatives of the International Labour Office (ILO) were present. Also in attendance was a representative of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

### **Election of officers**

2. Ms. Brigitte Buhmann (Switzerland) was elected Chairperson of the meeting. The meeting endorsed the Organisers' proposals for persons who could serve as Session Organisers for each session.  
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### **Agenda and procedure**

3. After the presentation of an introductory paper prepared by ILO and Eurostat, the following study topics were considered in special sessions at the meeting:

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Session I: Forms of employment, types of contract, job and social security (Organiser: ILO)

Session II: Work schedules and working time arrangements (Organiser: Eurostat)

Session III: Employment-related income (Organiser: Eurostat)

Session IV: Job content and access to training (Organiser: ILO)

Session V: Voice representation (Organiser: ILO)

Session VI: Occupational safety and health (Organiser: ECE)

4. In total 23 working papers were presented and discussed.

#### **Recommendations for future work**

5. The meeting recommended that the Conference make provision for a similar type of joint ECE-Eurostat-ILO Seminar on Measurement of the Quality of Employment to be included in its work programme in approximately two years' time. It recommended, therefore, that the following text be included in the Conference's work programme:

6. Seminar on Measurement of the Quality of Employment (2001/2002, jointly with Eurostat and ILO), to consider the following topics:

- I) Conceptual framework for the measurement of the forms of employment;
- II) Measurement of working time and labour productivity;
- III) Measurement of income and wage differentials;
- IV) Measurement of continuous training;
- V) Comparison among different sources: registers, household surveys and enterprise surveys;
- VI) Development of indicators.

7. Planning and preparatory work for the meeting should commence in 2000/2001 by the ECE secretariat, Eurostat and ILO.

#### **Adoption of the report**

8. The participants adopted the report of the meeting at its closing session. The main conclusions reached by the meeting in the sessions referred to in paragraph 3 above will be distributed to participants before the end of May 2000 (in English only).

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