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Meeting of 5-6 April 2006
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5-6 April 2006

Wednesday 5 April 2006 Chair: Nikolaus WURM	BECH building –Quetelet Room Begin: 9:15
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9:15 – 12:30		
1	Welcome by Chair	
2	Adoption of the agenda	SDI/WG/1 (2006)
3	Meeting objectives Presentation of the mandate of the Working Group. <i>For information</i>	SDI/WG/2 (2006)
4	The policy context: the review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy Presentation of the objectives of the Austrian Presidency concerning the review of the SD Strategy, including current discussions on the set of SDIs. Information on the latest policy developments – including the Commission Communication (SDI/WG/4) - and forthcoming events. <i>For information</i>	SDI/WG/3 (2006) SDI/WG/4 (2006)
5	Introduction to recent work on SDIs To provide information about recent developments on SDIs at European level. Presentation of the outcomes of the SDI task force. Conclusions of the final report (SDI/WG/6). Presentation of the current list of SDIs (SDI/WG/7), the SDI website and the so-called SDI progress report. <i>For information and discussion</i>	SDI/WG/5 (2006) SDI/WG/6 (2006) SDI/WG/7 (2006)
6	International work on SDIs Feedback on the UNDSO Expert Group meeting (13-15 December 2005) and UNECE-OECD-Eurostat on Statistics for SD (3-4 April 2006) <i>For information</i>	SDI/WG/8 (2006)
12:30 – 14:15 Lunch break		

14:15 – 17:00	
7	<p>Member States experience</p> <p>Several countries will introduce their experience with sustainable development indicators: existence of a national SD strategy, place of indicators in the strategy, communication about SDI. After each presentation, participants may put some questions or introduce recent developments in their own country.</p> <p>a) Austria</p> <p>b) Belgium</p> <p>c) France</p> <p>d) Slovenia</p> <p>e) United Kingdom</p> <p><i>For information</i></p>

Thursday 6 April 2006 Chair: Nikolaus WURM		BECH building – Quetelet Room Begin: 9:00
9:00 – 12:00 Improving on the current set of indicators		
8	<p>Further work on the current set of indicators</p> <p>a) Eurostat Work Programme on SDI</p> <p>Presentation of Eurostat Work Programme in the fields of SDI both for 2006 and for the period 2008-2012 (draft). Main priorities of the 2006 call for tenders. Presentation of programmes of work for Framework Research Programmes 6 and 7.</p> <p><i>For information</i></p>	SDI/WG/9 (2006)
	<p>b) Improving the current set of SDI</p> <p>The SDI Task Force described the areas to be further developed at EU level (so-called "best-needed indicators"). Presentation of priority areas for improvement of existing indicators, development of best-needed indicators in 2006 and beyond, and considerations about new indicators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing conditions • Projected replacement ratio • Chemicals; Population exposure to air pollution • Environmental accounts • Biodiversity; Land use • Transport indicators • Good governance <p><i>For discussion</i></p>	
	<p>c) Composite indicators: request for a welfare indicator</p>	

	Eurostat has received requests for setting-up a synthetic indicator of welfare, and will launch a feasibility study in 2006. Exchange of opinions on the topic. <i>For discussion</i>	
9	Conclusions by the chair	
12:30-14:00 Lunch		
Possible continuation in the afternoon in case of needs		