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First meeting of the  
Working Group on Sustainable Development Indicators  
**Meeting of 5-6 April 2006**  
**Luxembourg, BECH Building Quetelet Room**

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**5-6 April 2006**

<b>Wednesday 5 April 2006</b> <b>Chair: Nikolaus WURM</b>	<b>BECH building –Quetelet Room</b> <b>Begin: 9:15</b>
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<b>9:15 – 12:30</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome by Chair</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Adoption of the agenda</b>	<b>SDI/WG/1 (2006)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Meeting objectives</b> Presentation of the mandate of the Working Group. <i>For information</i>	<b>SDI/WG/2 (2006)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>The policy context: the review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy</b>  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>	<b>SDI/WG/3 (2006)</b> <b>SDI/WG/4 (2006)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Introduction to recent work on SDIs</b>  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>	<b>SDI/WG/5 (2006)</b> <b>SDI/WG/6 (2006)</b> <b>SDI/WG/7 (2006)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>International work on SDIs</b>  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>	<b>SDI/WG/8 (2006)</b>
<b>12:30 – 14:15 Lunch break</b>		

14:15 – 17:00		
7	<p><b>Member States experience</b></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><b>a) Austria</b></p> <p><b>b) Belgium</b></p> <p><b>c) France</b></p> <p><b>d) Slovenia</b></p> <p><b>e) United Kingdom</b></p> <p><i>For information</i></p>	

<b>Thursday 6 April 2006</b> <b>Chair: Nikolaus WURM</b>		<b>BECH building – Quetelet Room</b> <b>Begin: 9:00</b>
9:00 – 12:00 Improving on the current set of indicators		
8	<p><b>Further work on the current set of indicators</b></p> <p><b>a) Eurostat Work Programme on SDI</b></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>	<b>SDI/WG/9 (2006)</b>
	<p><b>b) Improving the current set of SDI</b></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"> <li>• Housing conditions</li> <li>• Projected replacement ratio</li> <li>• Chemicals; Population exposure to air pollution</li> <li>• Environmental accounts</li> <li>• Biodiversity; Land use</li> <li>• Transport indicators</li> <li>• Good governance</li> </ul> <p><i>For discussion</i></p>	
	<b>c) Composite indicators: request for a welfare indicator</b>	

	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>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Conclusions by the chair</b>	
<b>12:30-14:00 Lunch</b>		
<b>Possible continuation in the afternoon in case of needs</b>		