

## Report to the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) from the VG 2005 Meeting

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- No separate report or document submitted for VG 2005 meeting
- The following major points concerning the VG were contained in paragraphs 50-57 of the OECD's report on services statistics to the UNSC\*
  - 1. VG focus shall essentially be one of developing concepts, methods, and best practices in the area of services
  - 2. The VG scope will remain focused on turnover, classification and prices
  - 3. The VG felt it was essential to provide tangible results and recommendations on the conceptual and practical aspects of the development of service statistics. There is a need to better define the nature of the service that we are trying to measure with turnovers and prices. There is a need to integrate the national accounts perspective with measurement issues in turnover, prices, and classification.
  - 4. Next steps for the VG would involve making changes to the workplan, its development process, and the format of the meeting
  - 5. Keep what worked well in the past, but provide more structure to minipresentations in order to identify the best practices that would go into final (sector) papers

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