Proposed Agenda*
of the Fourth Meeting of the Voorburg Group
On Services Statistics

Simon Goldberg Conference Room
R.H. Coats Bldg.
(Ottawa, October 2-5, 1989)

MONDAY October 2, 1989

9:30 a.m. - Opening Remarks by the Chief Statistician of Canada

9:45 a.m. - UNSO and Chairman remarks; procedural and administrative matters

10:00 a.m. - Trade in Services

- CATT Users needs emerging from the group of services negotiations
- IMF Classification in international trade in services. An update of country concepts on trade in services.
- OECD Analytical classification of trade in services.
- Sweden The results of a study on exports and imports of services from bank sources.
- United States A survey of trade in services.

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 p.m. - Trade in Services (Cont.)

- Netherlands Registration of processing in make and use tables and input-output tables

3:00 p.m. - Panel Discussion

Service Industry Policies Information Needs

Moderator Dr. R. Dobell
Panellists Dr. Sylvia Ostry
Dr. Sidney Jones

5:00 p.m. - Reception

* Some of the titles of the papers are provisional. Additional contributions are expected.
TUESDAY  October 3, 1989

9:30 a.m. - Quantity and Price Indices of Services

. IMF  Price and quantities in international trade in services

. Norway  Quantity and price indices in transport, trade, hotels and restaurants

. UNSO  Where we stand now and what is ahead of us in the field of service indices.

. Canada  A product classification for telecommunication services

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 p.m. - Particular Service Areas Statistics

. Federal Republic of Germany  Services in manufacturing industries

. IMF  Some thoughts on a conceptual framework of financial services

. Sweden  Services in manufacturing industries

. Canada  Some thoughts on specific service industries

. New Zealand  Developments in economic censuses and surveys in New Zealand

. United States  The development of statistics on specific service areas

. Finland  A five-year plan for establishing a system of annual statistics of private service activities: Finnish experiences

5:00 p.m. - End of daily session

WEDNESDAY  October 4, 1989

9:30 a.m. - General Methodological Issues

. Australia  Own-account production, transactors and transactions
Canada
A comparison of questionnaires used in different countries

Germany
A conceptual framework for the improvement of service statistics

United States
The definition of statistical units in specific service industries

France
Transposition from industry to commodities

Short-term statistics on turnover and investments using VAT-documents and specific surveys

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 p.m. - Social Events/Sightseeing

6:30 p.m. - Dinner hosted by Statistics Canada

THURSDAY  October 5, 1989

9:30 a.m. - General Methodological Issues (Continued)

France
The relationship between statisticians and users through the Commission on National Accounts and Services

Netherlands
Investment in knowledge and markets

Sweden
A broader concept of investments

UNSO
A note on the concept of services

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 p.m. - Future work of the Voorburg Group

Continuation of activities

Presentation of results of the Voorburg Group to the 26th (1991) session of the Statistical Commission

5:00 p.m. - Closing Remarks on the Fourth Meeting of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics