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INVITATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS 15th Meeting of the Ottawa Group on Price Indices 10 – 12 May 2017, Eltville am Rhein, Germany

Dear Colleague,

I have the pleasure of inviting you or representatives of your organisation, who are active in price measurement research, to attend the 15th meeting of the International Working Group on Price Indices, known as the "Ottawa Group". The Ottawa Group is a city group set up under the auspices of the United Nations Statistical Commission. The meeting will be hosted by the Deutsche Bundesbank from Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 May 2017.

The topics for discussion at the meeting relate to research on consumer and property price indices. The meeting will be held at the Conference Centre of the Deutsche Bundesbank, Eltville am Rhein (about 50 km from Frankfurt am Main). I invite you and your representatives to **register online by 6 February 2017**. The language of the 2017 meeting will be English, as was the case at previous meetings.

Active participation and lively discussion are key strengths of the Ottawa Group, so we encourage presentation of a paper, or papers, at the meeting. **Abstracts** should be **submitted** via e-mail to ottawagroup@bundesbank.de, **by 28 November 2016** for review by the Ottawa Group Steering Committee. Completed drafts of accepted **papers** are **required by 27 March 2017**.

We have opened the Ottawa Group 2017 meeting website http://www.bundesbank.de/ottawagroup/ that will contain the topics for discussion, venue, accommodation details, and registration forms for the meeting. For any further information regarding the meeting, please e-mail us at ottawagroup@bundesbank.de.

The Deutsche Bundesbank is delighted to be hosting the Ottawa Group 2017 meeting and looks forward to welcoming participants to the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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