Why this review of the Recommendations on Tourism Statistics (REC93)

The present structure of REC93

- **Part One: Recommendations on Tourism Statistics**
1. Development and needs of tourism statistics
2. Concepts and forms of tourism
3. Basic tourism units
4. Classifications of tourism demand
5. Classifications of tourism supply
6. Statistics on tourism expenditure
7. Further work to be carried out by the WTO in cooperation with other organizations

- **Part Two: Standard International Classification of Tourism Activities (SICTA**)
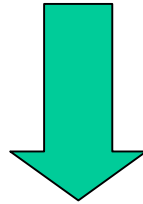
Reasons for change

- To take advantage of the context of updates of all international statistical standards and classifications;
- Extensive development of tourism statistics worldwide;
- Need to incorporate changes induced by the adoption of the TSA standard;
- Need to strengthen aspects of tourism statistics different from those strictly TSA related;

Scope of change

- Limited scope: no "revolution";
  - Follow a structure similar to the present one
  - More variables that are important to understand tourism and had been left out in REC93
  - To be complemented by a series of general guidelines
- Changes might not have direct impact on the procedures and results but principally of a conceptual nature;
- Tied by commitments by the Inter-agency Coordination Group on Tourism Statistics.

Role of the present workshop

- Fuel strategic alliance between NTAs and NSOs

- Complement to the electronic forum with data compilation issues

- To hear comments and proposals both from producers and users

Proposal for new Recommendations to be presented to the UNSC in 2008