SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

Country Participation
1. The next interim report to the Board due in June 2011 should include an update on the actual and any foreseeable impact of the circumstances in Africa and Western Asia on the relevant country participation and regional coordination, as well as a contingency plan for countries that cannot implement the program at full GDP level.
2. The scope of country participation in the ICP 2011 should henceforth be measured not only in terms of the number of countries/economies, but also in terms of the relevant population sizes.

National Accounts
3. The Global Office is urged to inform the Board of the current INAG membership.
4. The Global Office should submit to the Board, by April 2011, an INAG report on the critical policy issue of the impact of GDP exhaustiveness and SNA-compliant approaches of treating some expenditure areas on countries’ GDP levels, given that the ICP 2005 requirement of using exclusively official GDP figures should be carried over for ICP 2011.
5. The Board urges the Global Office to ensure that coordination is established and synergies are explored between the ICP programme (including the work of INAG) and other SNA working groups, such as the SNA 2008 implementation working group.

Technical Advisory Group
6. The Board requests the TAG to submit by May 2011, through the Global Office, a technical note on the regional and/or global PPP impact, if any, of China’s pricing all 601 items from the Global Core list, instead of the sole subset of it which all economies in the Asia and Pacific region jointly agreed to include in their price surveys.
7. The global linking method to be applied in the current round should be presented to the Board by May 2011, for decision.
8. Any other TAG recommendations on major methodological innovations should first be referred to the Board for decision, on a non-objection basis, before being relayed to the countries for implementation.

Data Access Policy
9. The overall process of developing the data access policy will entail two iterations whereby: (i) the Global Office will review the current version of the data access principles against the recommendations and suggestions set forth in this meeting, encouraging Board members to provide additional comments (if any) by 11 March; (ii) by June 2011, a new version of principles and a very first draft of procedures will be prepared and circulated to the Board for written comments.
10. At its October 2011 meeting, the Board will discuss and strive to reach an agreement on both principles and procedures.

ICP Book
11. The ICP book should include an executive summary for policy and non-technical audience and its table of content should be submitted for Board review

Timetable and next meeting
12. The next Executive Board meeting will take place in October 2011, as a full-day meeting. The exact date will be decided through email exchanges between Board members.