Annex I

Work plan and Timeline

The purpose of the attached tables is to provide a work plan and timeline for the 2003-2006 round of the ICP Program.

**Table 1, Classification of Products and Descriptions:** outlines the steps required to prepare Structured Product Descriptions and arrive at a set of product specifications for the related surveys. Activities are shown by major expenditure aggregates, for example, food, housing, furnishing, utilities, etc.

The Table indicates that the list of product specification for food, clothing and footwear will be ready by the end of March 2004. The remaining household consumption items, with the exception of housing, health and education, will be finalized by the first week of July 2004. This means that data collection for the above categories can begin in October 2004.

The Table also shows the schedule for housing, health, education, government consumption and capital formation. The product specifications for these items will be ready by September 2004 allowing adequate time for data collection as early as the first quarter of 2005.

**Table 2, ICP 2003-2006 Program Timetable:** outlines the timeline for the entire Program, highlighting the major tasks including the production of SPDs and product specification, Ring comparison, the ICP comparison, the ICP Tool Pack, price surveys, the construction of expenditure weights, data editing and processing, and finally report preparation and dissemination. The Table also displays the activities within each task.