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Terms of reference of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts. Also available at: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/Draft-report-on-the-47th-session-of-the-statistical-commission-Rev1-E.pdf>

**STATISTICAL COMMISSION, Forty-seventh session**

8 - 11 March 2016

DECISIONS (Rapporteur's text 18 March, subject to editing)

**Decision 5: National accounts (Item 3d)**

The Statistical Commission:

- (a) Welcomed the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts, expressed its appreciation for the activities undertaken by the Working Group members, regional commissions, other regional organizations and countries to facilitate the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics, and endorsed the 2016 programme of work of the Working Group and the Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts;
- (b) Appreciated the progress with resolving SNA research issues related to the implementation of the 2008 SNA, noted the emergence of some conceptual issues that extend beyond the 2008 SNA and requested the Working Group to report on the progress with addressing these issues to the Commission, taking into consideration the integration of economic, social and environmental statistics and frameworks for measuring progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- (c) Expressed appreciation for the guidance provided on issues emerging from the implementation of the SNA, including the completion of several manuals, handbooks and guidelines that facilitate the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics, and urged the Working Group to continue to give priority to practical guidance on issues that would facilitate the implementation of the SNA;
- (d) Welcomed the progress with implementing the 2008 SNA, expressed concern at the relatively low compliance to the minimum required data set and urged countries to develop basic source data for the compilation of national accounts that are policy relevant and fit for purpose. In this regard, the global and regional agencies are called upon to provide a focused, funded and coordinated programme on integrated household and business statistics in support of the compilation of national accounts;
- (e) Recognized the needs of countries, especially small island developing States, land locked developing countries and least developed countries for continued statistical capacity building for the implementation of national accounts, based on an integrated statistics programme using multi-source and multi-mode statistics; and
- (f) Noted the progress of the SDMX data transmission mechanism for national accounts and recognised that the implementation the SDMX technology by countries will facilitate data transmission and thereby significantly reduce the response burden in submitting data to international organizations