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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Planning and Statistical Authority - Qatar	
<i>Agenda item</i>	<b>Item 5(a) Demographic statistics (E/CN.3/2024/23)</b>
<i>Statement:</i> <p>The Planning and Statistical Authority (PSA) has duly noted the report presented by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, detailing activities in demographic statistics from January to December 2023. We acknowledge the significant strides made in implementing the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda and commend the coordinated efforts of the United Nations Legal Identity Task Force in fostering a holistic approach to civil registration, vital statistics, and identity management. Furthermore, we appreciate the updates on the Demographic Yearbook and the advancements in delineating urban and rural areas for statistical purposes. As they contribute significantly to enhancing statistical comparability and supporting informed policy decisions at both regional and international levels. Furthermore, the PSA looks forward to continued collaboration to enhance statistical methodologies and support informed decision-making.</p>	
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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Planning and Statistics Authority - Qatar	
<i>Agenda item</i>	<b>Item 5(b) Disability statistics (E/CN.3/2024/24)</b>
<i>Statement:</i> <p>The Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA) acknowledges the present report concerning the activities focused on promoting a better life for persons with disabilities. Note was taken of the comprehensive efforts described in the report, particularly those undertaken by various United Nations organizations such as the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Washington Group on Disability Statistics. The initiatives highlighted in the report, ranging from the preparation of the Disability and Development Report to the development of online databases and capacity-building workshops, underscore the significance of accurate and disaggregated data for monitoring and assessing progress towards achieving disability-inclusive sustainable development goals.</p> <p>The PSA appreciates the commitment demonstrated by these organizations in addressing the challenges faced by persons with disabilities, including the exacerbated impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. And urges continuous commitment to supporting and collaborating with relevant stakeholders to further enhance the availability and quality of disability statistics.</p>	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	<b>Item 5(c) Ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data (E/CN.3/2024/25)</b>
<i>Statement:</i> <p>The Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA) acknowledges the report regarding the progress and activities of the Titchfield Group on Ageing-Related Statistics and Age-Disaggregated Data since March 2022. The PSA appreciate the comprehensive overview provided, including updates on technical meetings, planned activities, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Group's work.</p> <p>Furthermore, the PSA recognizes the importance of the Titchfield Group's efforts in supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and contributing to the measurement, analysis, and reporting objectives outlined in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing. And commend the collaborative approach taken by the Group, engaging with various stakeholders including United Nations bodies, national statistical offices, and other organizations concerned with ageing-related statistics.</p>	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	<b>Item 5(d) Health statistics (E/CN.3/2024/26)</b>
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>The Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA) acknowledges the comprehensive report regarding health information systems presented to the Commission. Furthermore, the PSA appreciate the thorough overview of various initiatives and tools aimed at strengthening health data collection, analysis, and dissemination.</p> <p>The PSA recognizes the significance of the SCORE for Health Data Technical Package developed by WHO in 2021, as well as the importance of initiatives such as the Harmonized Health Facility Assessment and the World Health Survey Plus in assessing health facility capacities and tracking progress towards health-related Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Moreover, we commend WHO's efforts in non-communicable disease surveillance and monitoring, particularly in light of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The establishment of a global database on the health status of refugees and migrants is also a crucial step towards addressing disparities in health outcomes among vulnerable populations.</p> <p>The PSA is particularly interested in the progress made in routine health information systems, civil registration and vital statistics, and the utilization of geospatial information systems for informed decision-making in health. As well as the efforts in coordinating health data partnerships and fostering collaboration among various stakeholders. The upcoming international conference on health data and statistics planned for 2024 being a significant opportunity to further advance discussions and initiatives in this field.</p>	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	<b>Item 5(e) Service statistics (E/CN.3/2024/27)</b>
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>The Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA) noted the report regarding the activities and progress of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics. Furthermore, the provided detailed overview in outlining the history, objectives, and recent developments of the Group is highly appreciated.</p> <p>The PSA recognizes the significant role of the Voorburg Group in addressing issues related to the production of service statistics, including classifications, output measures, and price indices. We commend the Group's efforts in adapting to current realities and challenges, particularly amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, and broadening its scope to include internationally comparable methodologies and best practices.</p> <p>We note the successful virtual meeting hosted by Statistics Canada in 2022 and the preparations for the upcoming meeting in March 2024, which will address important topics such as measurement challenges for import services and digital trade across borders. The PSA appreciates the Group's focus on cross-cutting issues and its collaboration with other international organizations to ensure coherence and avoid duplication of efforts.</p>	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	<b>Item 5(f) International Comparison Programme (E/CN.3/2024/28)</b>
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>The Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA) acknowledges the Report of the World Bank on the International Comparison Programme (ICP). We have noted the comprehensive update provided, covering the period from November 2022 to November 2023. As the report highlights significant progress in various aspects of the ICP, including governance and coordination, implementation status, regional programmes, capacity-building activities, risks mitigation measures, research, innovations, and knowledge dissemination efforts. Furthermore, the PSA appreciates the efforts made by all stakeholders involved in advancing the ICP agenda despite challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic and geopolitical tensions.</p> <p>The PSA commends the key achievements outlined in the report from finalization of operational materials for the ICP 2021 cycle, the successful completion of regional surveys and data validation workshops, and the development of new methodologies to enhance the accuracy and relevance of purchasing power parity (PPP) estimates. And we acknowledge the importance of ICP results in informing policymakers, analysts, and researchers worldwide, particularly in understanding the impact of global events on cross-country comparisons of prices, expenditures, output, and material well-being. As such, we fully support the efforts to maintain ICP as a permanent element of the global statistical programme and ensure its sustainability for future cycles.</p> <p>In conclusion, the PSA expresses its gratitude to the Commission for providing a platform to discuss and take note of the significant developments outlined in the report. We remain committed to contributing to the success of the ICP and look forward to continued collaboration with all stakeholders in advancing this important statistical initiative.</p>	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	<b>Item 5(g) Information and communication technology statistics (E/CN.3/2024/29)</b>
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>The Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA), we acknowledge the report of the Partnership on Measuring Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D) and its significance in improving the availability of internationally comparable statistics on information and communications technology (ICT). Since its inception in 2004, the Partnership has been instrumental in enhancing the understanding of ICT indicators for monitoring development goals and targets.</p> <p>Furthermore, the report highlights various initiatives and developments across different regions, emphasizing the importance of ICT statistics in measuring progress towards sustainable development. From thematic sessions on ICT indicators for monitoring international goals to regional efforts such as the Asia-Pacific SDG Gateway Data Explorer and the development of a digital development observatory in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Partnership's work is diverse and impactful.</p> <p>The PSA commends the efforts shown within the report in highlighting the importance of enhancing the availability, quality, and comparability of ICT statistics, especially in developing countries. It calls for increased support from the international and donor communities to bolster capacity-building efforts in this crucial area. As the PSA, we are committed to contributing to these efforts and leveraging ICT statistics to drive sustainable development and informed policymaking.</p>	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	<b>Item 5(h) Business registers (E/CN.3/2024/30)</b>
<i>Statement:</i> As the Planning and Statistical Authority (PSA), we duly acknowledge the comprehensive report of the 28th meeting of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers. We appreciate the insights shared regarding the development, maintenance, and utilization of statistical business registers. As the findings underscore the importance of continuous collaboration and exchange of best practices in advancing economic statistics. Moving forward, the PSA remains committed to implementing the recommendations discussed to enhance the quality and effectiveness of our statistical business register.	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	<b>Item 5(i) Integration of statistical and geospatial information (E/CN.3/2024/31)</b>
<i>Statement:</i> <p>The Planning and Statistical Authority (PSA) takes note of the report submitted by the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information. We acknowledge the significant progress made towards the revision, promotion, and implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework, as outlined in the report. As the Expert Group, comprising members from professional statistical and geospatial communities of Member States and relevant international organizations, has played a pivotal role in advancing the integration of statistical and geospatial information.</p> <p>The PSA recognizes the importance of this framework in supporting global agendas such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 2020 round of population and housing censuses. We appreciate the efforts made by the Expert Group in developing resources like the Implementation Guide and the self-assessment tool for the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework, which have facilitated more accurate and comprehensive analyses for informed decision-making.</p> <p>Moving forward, the PSA remains committed to enhance the quality and effectiveness of our statistical business register and to continue our collaboration with relevant stakeholders in this endeavor.</p>	
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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Planning and Statistical Authority - Qatar	
<i>Agenda item</i>	<b>Item 5(j) Data stewardship (E/CN.3/2024/32)</b>
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>(a) The comprehensive information provided in the report, including the establishment of the Working Group on Data Stewardship (WGDS) and its subsequent activities, is duly noted. And the global consultation questionnaire's implementation and the headline results, as outlined in the report, are valuable insights into the current landscape of data stewardship.</p> <p>The detailed breakdown of the questionnaire responses, regional differences, and the identification of challenges and opportunities provide a solid foundation for further discussions and actions. Furthermore, the updates from the workstreams, specifically the Data Governance, Equity and Inclusion, Sharing and Collaboration, and Overall Conceptual Framework on Data Stewardship workstreams, showcase the collaborative efforts to refine guidance and address key issues in the data ecosystem.</p> <p>We appreciate the diligent efforts of the Working Group on Data Stewardship (WGDS) in organizing and participating in various events, including the UN World Data Forum and webinars, as well as the involvement of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and stakeholders from different regions in contributing to the global consultation. As the upcoming plans, including refining the understanding of regional differences, further consultations, and the development of checklists and frameworks, demonstrate a commitment to continuous improvement and alignment with the evolving landscape of data stewardship. We would like to thank you for keeping us informed, and we look forward to the continued progress and achievements of the HLG-PCCB and its working groups.</p>	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	<b>Item 5(k) Coordination of statistical programme (E/CN.3/2024/33)</b>
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>(a) The incorporation of views expressed in the joint report by both Committees (Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities - CCSA and Committee of the Chief Statisticians of the United Nations System - CCS-UN), highlights significant progress and collaboration between the Committees in various critical areas. It underscores the joint efforts towards the implementation of the System-wide Road Map for Innovating United Nations Data and Statistics.</p> <p>This initiative, as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council, reflects a solid commitment to enhancing coordination and modernizing statistical assistance to Member States. Notably, the report emphasizes the positive reception and endorsement by the Commission, recognizing the agile and responsive nature of the work carried out by the CCS-UN. Furthermore, the report provides insights into the Committees' engagements with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly their liaison with the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals (IAEG-SDGs). The discussions and recommendations pertaining to the upcoming 2025 Comprehensive Review demonstrate the Committees' commitment to ensuring the robustness and inclusivity of the SDG Global Indicator Framework.</p>	
<p>(b) Taking note of the report, it delves into key priorities, including the promotion of data literacy, embedding predictive analytics into statistical programs, and emphasizing the importance of population data for global monitoring. And it showcases ongoing initiatives such as the High Impact Initiative on the Power of Data launched at the SDG Summit in 2023, signifying a concerted effort to leverage data for accelerating progress toward the 2030 Agenda.</p> <p>The report clearly outlines the Committees' involvement in coordination beyond GDP, where they have been actively supporting the UN's Beyond GDP initiative. This reflects a commitment to developing a more comprehensive measurement of progress and sustainable development. As the joint report encapsulates the collaborative and forward-looking approach of both Committees in advancing statistical coordination and innovation.</p>	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	<b>Item 5(l) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.3/2024/34)</b>
<i>Statement:</i> <p>(a) The Commission duly acknowledges the present report. This comprehensive report outlines policy decisions by the General Assembly and Council relevant to the Statistical Commission's work, emphasizing actions taken or proposed to meet Assembly and Council requests. Furthermore, the report details significant advancements in geospatial information, food security, sustainable development, and various statistical domains such as; environment, GDP and beyond it, public dept and international financial system, urban statistics, health statistics, migrations and demographic statistics, gender statistics, disability statistics, ageing related statistics, social statistics, data privacy, information and communications technology statistics, capacity development and statistical coordination. That demonstrates the Commission's commitment to fulfilling its mandates and contributing to global initiatives.</p>	
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