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Aim of the presentation:

to recap the discussion from the last meeting of the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2022



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Report of the UNCEBTS to the UNSC

- The UNCEBTS brought to the UNSC the following
 - The revised strategic view on business and trade statistics
 - Focus on the horizontal and vertical integration of business statistics
 - Identification of new priority areas:
 - Digitalization, productivity and innovation
 - Wellbeing and social inclusion
 - Green economy
 - The progress of work of the task team on international trade statistics and its workplan
 - The draft *Manual on the global core set of principal business and trade indicators*
 - The draft *Manual on the maturity model for statistical business registers*
 - The proposal for an initiative aimed at improving the availability of a unique identifier in countries' administrative data sources and the link with a global unique identifier

Outcome of the discussion and decisions of the UNCS

- Endorsed the update of the strategic view underscoring the importance of a horizontal and vertical integration of business and trade statistics and the priority areas
- Requested the Committee to coordinate with relevant committees and groups of experts to avoid duplication of work and strengthen coordination with other statistical domains;
- Encouraged the Committee to share practices on microdata linking and on the development of an integrated data infrastructure to link microdata on people and businesses;
- Endorsed the update of the strategic view underscoring the importance of a horizontal and vertical integration of business and trade statistics and identifying emerging priority areas, namely digitalization, productivity and innovation, wellbeing and social inclusion, and green economy; welcomed the new work programme; and requested the Committee to coordinate with relevant committees and groups of experts to avoid duplication of work and strengthen coordination with other statistical domains;





- Took note of the *manual on the maturity model for statistical business registers*, encouraged the development of a toolkit and endorsed the launching of a regular global assessment on the status of implementation of statistical business registers in countries, encouraged close coordination with the Wiesbaden Group and other relevant groups, welcomed the proposed capacity-building activities for statistical business registers, and suggested developing guidelines for the integration of geospatial information into statistical business registers
- Took note of volume 1 of the *manual on the principal indicators on business and trade statistics*, encouraged the preparation of volume 2 of the manual to further elaborate on the international trade indicators, and encouraged the Committee to prioritize the indicators and to assess the possibility of developing global databases for these indicators building on existing initiatives and based on the capacity of countries in producing this information;



- Welcomed the work programme, terms of reference and research agenda of the task team on international trade statistics, including the development of a maturity model for statistics on international trade in services and data tools for international merchandise trade statistics, and expressed its appreciation for the progress made in identifying the list of issues for the revision of the trade statistics manuals;
- Supported the development of a global initiative aimed at improving the availability of unique business identifiers in administrative data sources, considered essential to help countries in strengthening statistical business registers and better understanding globalization; and requested the Committee to further elaborate the initiative and to report to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session, in 2023.

Thank you!