UNCEISC Virtual Meeting
14-15 May 2024
Summary of Day 1 discussion

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Summary of Discussions – Day 1

• Reviewed action items from previous UNCEISC meeting in October 2023
• Noted the request by the UN Statistical Commission for the Committee to formulate proposal for regular revision cycle for ISIC and CPC; to report back by 2028 but ideally earlier
• Agreed on need for regular revision cycle, but differed on the interpretations of meaning and scope of ‘regular’ and ‘revision’
• Discussed benefits of regular and frequent revisions: predictable schedules, consistent feedback process, maintained institutional memory, smaller scope of revisions, more relevant content
• Discussed concerns of more frequent revisions: financial and staffing resources, IT and other system updates, stability and maintenance of time-series data
• Noted the need to find a middle ground considering practicality and feasibility of implementing classification revisions while also ensuring that classifications remain relevant and up-to-date
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• Noted the need to develop an **updating procedure** to address classification issues that emerge between revisions
• Discussed vision of **modernized** and **more efficient** classifications/revision processes
• Discussed **alternative strategies** to maintain/implement classifications: dual coding, alternative aggregations, limiting changes to lower levels
• Discussed how to deal with **varying levels of capacity** across countries
• Recommended ISIC and CPC to be **synchronized** in their revision cycles, noting that there were discussions on whether the revision to be done in simultaneous or in sequential order
• WCO to provide copy of final **report** on review of HS revision cycle to UNSD when complete, for distribution to Committee
• **Participants are encouraged to provide comments**, including by email to UNSD after the meetings
• **Tasked** the standing task team on ISIC and CPC to develop a more detailed proposal for a regular revision cycles for ISIC and for CPC
Thank you