

**Comments/Suggestions for Statistical Commission 50th Session
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3(g) Items for discussion and decision: finance statistics

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2019-9- FinanceStats-E	Report of the International Monetary Fund on the review of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Finance Statistics and its substructures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We strongly support the proposal to set up the new operational body, called the Inter-Agency Working Group on Debt Statistics, which focuses on data management issues and capacity building of debt statistics. 2. The tasks of the Inter-Agency Working Group is to develop methods, standards and guidance on both external and public sector debts statistics. Those tasks need special attention amid growing urge for a consistent Balance of Payment, National Accounts, and Government Finance Statistics. 3. Strong coordination among government units involved in finance statistics, such as NSO, central bank and MOF should be emphasized at all stages of statistical works related to compilation of debt statistics since those parties are often use the same data sources.