Item 3s: Working methods of the Statistical Commission

Switzerland would like to thank the Bureau and in particular the secretariat for this report including the three background documents that provide a useful overview. We very much welcome this report. The groups are divided into four categories (economic, environmental, social and cross cutting). These are directly linked to the terminology of 2030 Agenda which is something that we welcome. Switzerland strongly supports the streamlining of the groups' arrangements to achieve coherent and coordinated working methods. Switzerland also supports all actions of the Statistical Commission proposed in the report to improve coherence and coordination, and thus, its supervisory and guidance function. However, we encourage use of the approaches in a pragmatic way to avoid too much bureaucracy in the process.