

**United Nations Statistical Commission**

**Fifty-second session**

1–3 and 5 March 2021

Item 3 (e) of the provisional agenda

**Items for discussion and decision: business and trade statistics**

**Document E/CN.3/2021/9 – Report of the Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics**

***Statement provided by:***

Colombia

***Statement:***

Colombia welcomes the Report of the Committee of Experts on Trade and Business Statistics. Regarding the progress of work of the task teams of the Committee, we consider that by establishing a list of indicators for each Task Team will allow to advance in the evaluation of business and trade statistics in our country.

Besides expressing our willingness of actively participating in the activities that are agreed in the different Task Teams to share and systematize best practices, we would like to express our interest in being part of the Task Teams on globalization and digitalization as well as on well-being and sustainability.

As for our experience as members of the Task Team on business dynamics, demography and entrepreneurship, we recognize the importance of having an exhaustive registry of business activity that provides fundamental information for the characterization of the business fabric in each country. The strengthening of business registries is a fundamental part of the improvement of economic measurement; therefore, it is in our best interest to evaluate the status of the business registry and the possibilities for improvement. As such we would like to express our approval to the Programme of Work for 2021-2022 as Colombia is both interest and committed to contribute on the preparation of a manual on the global core set of principal business and trade indicators and a manual on the maturity model for statistical business registers.

Regarding the launch of the revision of the manual International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions 2010 and the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010; we support the decision of the committee on having an international coordinating mechanism which initiates and leads the process. Colombia also recognizes the importance of advancing towards the integration of economic information which provides detailed statistics on the enterprises which engages in the foreign trade of goods and services. On the same line, we consider that the revision of the manual should include a phase that allows to identify elements that coincide among the different economic phenomena, so that the manuals reflect this reality and guide the compiling countries in the correct identification of the transactions that make up each measurement.

In consideration of the importance of updating the Manual of Statistics on International Trade in Goods: Concepts and Definitions, 2010 and the Manual of Statistics on International Trade in Services, Colombia endorses the creation of a working group to articulate the research of statistical production of an economic nature and the production of information related to international trade, highlights the important role that international Organizations could play in the process and supports the Committee

**United Nations Statistical Commission**

**Fifty-second session**

1–3 and 5 March 2021

Item 3 (e) of the provisional agenda

**Items for discussion and decision: business and trade statistics**

**Document E/CN.3/2021/9 – Report of the Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics**

on strengthening the dialogue with the Inter-Agency Task Force on International Trade Statistics as recommended by the Friends of the Chair Group on Economic statistics.

Submitted on:	2/23/2021
---------------	-----------