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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Hungary	
<i>Statement:</i> Hungary appreciates the progress of work of the task teams of the Committee, the future work programme of the Committee for 2021–2022, 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. In our opinion the creation of a new task team to coordinate the joint research agenda between business and international trade statistics, and the related processes and mechanisms of the revision of the trade-related standards is justified due to the growing importance of these statistical domains on the global level. Hungary takes good note of the activities of the Committee on the field of business and trade statistics and agrees with the role of the Committee to actively coordinate the integration of the work programmes with the Inter-Agency Task Force on International Trade Statistics as recommended by the Friends of the Chair group on economic statistics to advance a common research agenda and the revision of the manuals.	
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