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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Jamaica	
<i>Statement:</i> Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM):  Takes note of the progress of the work of the Committee on Business and Trade Statistics and supports the work of the task teams on globalization and digitalization, well-being and sustainability, business dynamics, demography and entrepreneurship, business registers and communication.  Welcomes the training and capacity building for business registers, as this will assist the advancement of work in small countries, such as those in the CARICOM region, in building and maintaining business registers which are critical to the development of economic statistics, ensuring that no one is left behind.  Pledges its continued support to this Committee and endorses the work programme for 2021-2022, but also encourages collaboration with other groups working on similar matters.  Welcomes the launch of the revisions to the Manual on International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions 2010 and the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010.  Supports 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 for the revision of the trade-related standards.	
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