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<i>Statement provided by:</i> The Netherlands	
<i>Statement:</i> The Netherlands would like to thank you for your work done and we are happy to participate in this committee. We especially thank you for the work done on the core set indicators on business and trade and the work on the Statistical Business Registers Maturity Model. We agree with the proposal of the future work programme and the creation of a new task team. We also welcome the intention to update the International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions 2010 to align it with the manuals on SNA and the balance of payments. Attention should be paid to make sure that revisions of the BPM6 and the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010 should not harm the consistency between those. Keep up the good work!	
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