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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Center – United Arab Emirates	
<i>Statement:</i> This statement related to item "c" under "Action to be taken" : The launch of the revision of the manual International Merchandise Trade Statistics: The UAE welcomes the work done by the experts on Business and Trade Statistics. In the relation to launching the revision of the manual International Merchandise Trade Statistics, We have noticed, through the UN Comtrade database, that many countries do not commit to publishing commodity trade data according to the international guide, for example. 1- Unavailability of trade data for some countries according to the Harmonized System HS Code, 2- Lack of separation between export and re-export data, which constitutes an obstacle in calculating international indicators We would like to express the importance of conducting an in-depth evaluation and assessment to understand the reasons for the non-commitment of many countries in the process of collecting and publishing commodity trade data according to the International Merchandise Trade Statistics Manual 2010. This will help to make the new manual more practical and the recommendations to be more applicable.	
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