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First of all, we would like to thank the Expert Group for the report and its work related to the development and implementation of international statistical classifications in various fields.

Hungary supports the revision of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, Revision 4 and the Central Product Classification, Version 2.1 as well.

Moreover, we agree that the process of revising the mandate and the operational functions of the Expert Group is of utmost importance. We also welcome its name change to the United Nations Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications.

Concerning the ongoing work on the ISIC revision, we think that frequent and open communication to stakeholders is crucial. Additionally, it is essential to ensure full consistency between the ISIC and the NACE in order to provide comparable statistics without extra burden on statistical authorities. Furthermore, the different time frames of the revision of ISIC and NACE might have an adverse impact on the consistency between ISIC and the other classifications. Related to this, it would be important to list the possible risks and the actions to be taken to solve this problem.

Finally, the process of entry into force of each classifications is not detailed enough in the document. It needs to be clarified in order to facilitate the harmonization of classifications.

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