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Statement: **International Statistical Classifications**
Central Statistical Organization (CSO) under the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry is the national statistical authority. Myanmar practices the decentralized statistical system. CSO collects, conducts, processes, analyzes and disseminates the socio-economic statistics. The Statistics Law was enacted in 2018.   CSO produced the Myanmar Standard Industrial Classification (MSIC) of all economic sectors since 2018. MSIC was developed based on the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) (Rev. 4). MSIC provides a comprehensive framework within which economic data can be collected and reported in a format that is designed for purposes of economic analysis, decision making and policy-making. The classification structure represents a standard format to organize detailed information about the state of an economy according to economic principles and perception.   CSO plans to formulate the revision process of MSIC with the technical assistance from Asian Development Bank (ADB).   CSO welcomes the agreement of Expert Group on comprehensive revision of ISICRev.4 prepared by the Technical Sub Group onISIC (TSG-ISIC) during 2021 and submission of and updated ISIC to the Statistical commission in March 2022. We recommend that a comprehensive revision of ISIC Rev.4 be initiated by TSG-ISIC. We hope that the proposed timeline and process is enough for revision of ISIC Rev.4 within March 2021 to Dec 2022.   CSO also encouragesthe parallel revision of the Central Product Classification (CPC), Version 2.1, proposed by the Technical Subgroup on ISIC and recommended by the Expert Group for endorsement by the Statistical Commission.   CSO is using Burma Standard International Trade Classification (BSITC) for trade and transport statistics since 1962. BSITC is the revision of Standard International Trade Classification (SITC-Rev.1) developed by UNSD. Even though UNSD adopted SITC- Rev.4 in 2006 to be harmonized with HS Code, Myanmar could not revise it yet. Therefore, Myanmar is seeking technical assistance to revise the BSITC.
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