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The report includes basic items that will be addressed at the next meeting of the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications and the Inter-Agency Working Groups on Classifications as follows...
 	
Item One: The joint report of the Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics and the Inter-Agency Taskforce on International Trade Statistics. During the meeting the following was done:
    Presenting an overview of the main activities in the field of international statistical classifications since the forty-ninth session of the Statistical Commission in 2018.
    Establishing and implementing international statistical classifications in various fields and coordinating related activities.
    Reviewing results of the work of the Technical Group on the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities and reviewing the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, Rev. 4.
 	
Item Two : A brief description of the activities of the Expert Group since 2018, the most important of which are the following:
    The Expert Group encouraged the adoption of best practices in developing international statistical classifications and worked to ensure that international statistical classifications were appropriate for the desired purpose and suitable for use in a range of statistical activities.
    Updating statistical classifications and their content using the statistical activities classification structure.
    Reviewing the International Classification of Non-Tariff Measures.
 	
Item Three : It reviews the most important work items for the technical groups on statistical classifications.
    The International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, Rev 4: Work is underway to assess the problems related to the current version of the classification and to determine whether there is a need for revision. During the meetings held via Wiki platform, a recommendation was made to the expert group to revise the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) during 2021, while providing the Statistical Committee with a completed classification in March 2022.
    Central Product Classification (CPC), Version 2-1: The Expert Group approved a proposal to update the Central Product Classification, which would facilitate the generation of integrated and improved statistics that are useful in resolving issues related to the International

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Industrial Classification and the revisions expected to be introduced in the context of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) and the International Standard Classification of Energy Products. Enterprise Job Classification: Work is underway to prepare an Enterprise Job Classification (known as a group of common tasks that enterprises must perform regularly internally or externally in order to provide goods/services access to markets). The purpose of this classification is to use it in enterprise statistics and to be a tool for statistical analysis. It is limited to the institutions specified in the System of National Accounts 2008. Item Four : Other works related to international classifications and next work of the Expert Group: Review the concepts and principles underlying the existing and emerging international classifications and facilitate harmonization of relevant classifications. Review the classification of statistical activities, the Pacific Classification of Individual Consumption and the economic classifications. The next work of the Expert Group is to broaden its areas of interest to include further issues related to statistical classification, such as environmental classifications, disaster risk reduction statistics, the possibility of using SDGs as a mechanism to promote the role and work of the Expert Group . Recommendations: Approve the International Standard Industrial Classification for All Economic Activities, Rev 4. Approve the revision of the Central Product Classification, Version 2-1.

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