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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Switzerland	
<i>Statement:</i> Switzerland is part of the Task Force that drafted the report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications. Based on the discussions within the European Statistical System (ESS), Switzerland strongly supports the review of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) Rev. 4, planned in the period April 2021 to December 2022. Further, Switzerland is in favor of the proposed continuous update process where specific issues in ISIC are considered on a continuous basis. Switzerland - as part of the Task Team - ISIC (TT-ISIC) - will actively participate in the revision work.  Switzerland welcomes the future planned work and timetable announced in the report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications. ISIC Rev. 4 is currently coordinated with the review of the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community (NACE). The revision of the Swiss General Classification of Economic Activities (NOGA) is dependent on the revisions of the ISIC and especially the NACE, as the NOGA is identical and therefore comparable up to the second (ISIC) and fourth level (NACE) of global respectively European data. If the revision of ISIC does not take place, the structure of NACE will nonetheless be significantly affected, as the mandate for the NACE revision has already been issued in 2019.  Additionally, Switzerland aligns itself with the statement by the European Statistical System.	
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