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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Sierra Leone	
<i>Statement:</i> Sierra Leone would like to express on behalf of the Africa Group a contribution to the subject matter. We do support the provisional agenda for the next year. In particular, we do expect that health statistics should be at the centre of our discussion to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in our countries and to seek ways of improving health statistics. However, we would also like to see population and housing census in the agenda as well as price statistics in the context of pandemic. Due to a number of reasons including the funding and the pandemic, African countries are experiencing difficulties to conduct their population and housing censuses during the current cycle. Therefore, our capacity to derive indicators and inform the SDGs will be seriously impacted. Thanks to ECA for setting a price watch; however, due to the pandemic, alternative ways of collecting price data should be explored and implemented. Africa region, as informal market, would seek better methodologies that have been experimented elsewhere and that can be sustainable.	
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