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Sent on behalf of Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division/DESA

Dear colleagues,

As promised, I would like to share weekly updates on the preparations for the 52nd session of the Statistical Commission.

1. Official documents

- As noted at the [1st Global Chat](#) held on 20 January, all [official documents](#) in the six official languages are available online, and most of the background documents have been uploaded.

2. Written statements

- [Written statements](#) provide an opportunity for delegations to contribute to the substantive discussion on the agenda items of the 52nd session.
- We encourage written statements (one submission per country per agenda item) to be submitted by 19 February to allow for the Secretariat to review and summarize them and facilitate informal discussions between relevant delegations to find consensus language, in case of apparent disagreements.
- Written statements can be submitted on behalf of the head of delegation or designated official.

3. Registration and Participation in the 52nd session.

- I would like to share that there are ongoing discussions on the platform to be used for the 52nd session. Depending on the capacity of the platform, there might be restrictions and we might not be able to include all participants. Additional information will be conveyed in the coming weeks.
- For the virtual session of the Commission, registration is essential. All delegates who will have an active role in the session will need to be onboarded. More information on the platform and onboarding will be provided when available.
- For country delegations: On 19 January 2021, [an official notification \(Note Verbale\)](#) concerning the Commission session was transmitted to your Permanent Mission in New York, requesting designation of country representative(s). If you are planning to attend, you will need to comply with the formality of requesting your [Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York](#) to register the composition of your delegation in the e-deleGATE portal (under ECOSOC/Statistical Commission).
- For agencies: Please let us know by 12 February whether your organization will participate and, if so, the name(s) and email addresses of your representative(s). Please note that there might be limits on the number of representatives to the meetings.
- All meetings will be webcast on UN WebTv.

4. Side events

- Over 55 virtual [side events](#) have been included in the #UN52SC calendar. I would like to draw your attention to a few high level events organized around important upcoming topics, such as:
 - i. [Data stewardship and the role of NSOs in the changing data landscape](#) on 10 February
 - ii. 2nd Global Chat on 17 February
 - iii. [The Covid-19 pandemic: How the data and statistical community stepped up to the new challenges](#) on 17 February

Warm regards,

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