High-level summary of the Global Consultation on the draft revised structure of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

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A Global Consultation on the proposed new structure of ISIC was launched on 18 January 2022 with an initial deadline of 18 February 2022. This note presents an interim high-level summary of the responses that were received until 22 February 2022.

About respondents

A total of 114 responses were received from 91 countries and 9 international organizations. The list of the responding countries and international organizations is presented in Annex 1. Some countries and international organizations have provided multiple responses, for example, from different institutions or from different areas within the institutions. These responses have been included in the analysis.

The respondent was asked to indicate whether the response was coordinated with relevant areas of expertise within the institution, for example the area of classification, business statistics, national accounts, environmental accounts and other areas. For the large majority, the responses were coordinated within the institution. About 65 responses indicated that the response was coordinated with at least two subject areas within their own institution.

Table 1 below presents the number of countries that have indicated a coordinated response with the options provided in the questionnaire.

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<tr>
<th>Number of responses indicating the coordination with subject</th>
<th>Classifications</th>
<th>Business statistics</th>
<th>National accounts</th>
<th>Environmental economic accounts</th>
<th>Other*</th>
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<td>78</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>27</td>
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* Examples of “Other areas” mentioned by the respondents include balance of payments and climate change related statistics
About 38 per cent of the responses (43 responses) also indicated that their response was coordinated with other relevant institutions in the country such as central banks and ministries of finance.

**Summary of the responses**

The global consultation asked respondents to express their agreement with the proposed new structure of ISIC at Section level, Division (two-digit) level and Group (three-digit) level. Table 2 below summarizes the responses.

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<tr>
<th>Number of responses (percentage)</th>
<th>Agreement at Section level</th>
<th>Agreement at Division level (two digit-level)</th>
<th>Agreement at Group level (three-digit level)</th>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>114</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>102 (89 per cent)</td>
<td>95 (83 per cent)</td>
<td>85 (76 per cent)</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>12 (11 per cent)</td>
<td>19 (17 per cent)</td>
<td>27 (24 per cent)</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>114</td>
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Overall, there seem to be support for the proposed revised structure of ISIC at Section level, Division level and Group level.

**Work ahead**

The Task team on ISIC will carry out a detailed review of the responses and will use the comments provided during the global consultation to revise the structure of ISIC at class level (four-digit level) and elaborate the explanatory notes for the revised ISIC.

It is expected that the complete revised structure of ISIC will be circulated for global consultation toward the end of 2022 and will be submitted to the United Nations Statistical Commission in 2023 through the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications.
Annex I: List of responding countries and international organizations

Africa (17)
Botswana
Cabo Verde
Egypt
Ethiopia
Ghana
Kenya
Liberia
Mauritius
Morocco
Mozambique
Niger
Nigeria
Rwanda
South Africa
South Sudan
Tunisia
Zimbabwe

Asia (21)
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh
Brunei Darussalam
China
Cyprus
India
Indonesia
Iraq
Israel
Japan
Jordan
Mongolia
Myanmar
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
State of Palestine
Thailand
Turkey
United Arab Emirates
Viet Nam

Europe (36)
Albania
Austria
Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Czechia
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Latvia
Lithuania
Malta
Montenegro
Netherlands
North Macedonia
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Ukraine
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Americas (15)
Aruba
Barbados
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Brazil
Canada
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Guyana
Jamaica
Mexico
Montserrat
Paraguay
Peru
Suriname
Oceania (2)
  Australia
  New Zealand

International/regional organizations (9)
  AFRISTAT
  BIS / IFC
  Eurostat
  European Central Bank
  FAO of the United Nations
  GCC-Stat
  ILO
  IMF
  OECD