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### Items for discussion and decision: data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Germany	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Many of the aspects mentioned in the document "Work for the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals", such as geospatial information, small area data or the use of administrative data, are not only relevant for reporting on the SDGs. Rather, they are of increasing importance for the production of information in general, which is the task of statistical offices. Even if it currently seems attractive on the international stage, e.g. for reasons of fund-raising, to have everything possible sail under the flag of the SDG indicators, the establishment of duplicate structures and responsibilities should be avoided here. Therefore, these topics are to be dealt with in a leading role in the already existing statistical committees of the UN on the respective subject matter to ensure an economic use of the scarce resources in the statistical offices.</p> <p>With reference to the SDGs, the question arises to what extent it is the task of the UN Statistical Commission to be a promoter of proprietary software solutions and a door opener for private-sector companies into the national statistical offices. We also reject the introduction of certain products through the back door, which in the end would have to be paid for, in order to be able to fulfil the voluntary reporting obligations to the custodian agencies in the future. It is also necessary to clarify the relationship to the Open-SDG project, which offers a reporting platform on the SDGs as an open source solution including geographical data and is now used or introduced by more than 20 national statistical offices, whereas FIS4SDGs is only used or introduced by six national statistical offices in its first phase.</p>	
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