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Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda

### Items for discussion and decision: data stewardship

#### Document E/CN.3/2022/5 – Report of the Working Group on Data Stewardship

<i>Statement provided by:</i> <i>StatsNZ</i>	
<i>Overview:</i> The report provides a summary of the recent activities of the Working Group related to its five workstreams and details the working definition for data stewardship established by the Working Group. The Commission will also have before it a background document on the Working Group on Data Stewardship.	
<i>Action to be taken by the Statistical Commission:</i> <b>The Commission is invited:</b> (a) To take note of the present report on the work of the Working Group on Data Stewardship; (b) To express its views on the scope of data stewardship; (c) To express its views on the progress of the five workstreams defined under the Working Group; (d) To approve the amended terms of reference of the Working Group contained in annex I to the present report; (e) To review and approve the proposed workplan of the Working Group for 2022 contained in annex II to the present report.	
<i>Statement:</i> Stats NZ commends the work done by the Task Force of Data Stewardship and its associated working groups. We have been actively involved in the Working Group on Data Stewardship and are leading Chapter 5 on Data Governance and Principles.  Stats NZ continues to be a functional system leader on data stewardship across the New Zealand government data system, in its role of Government Chief Data Steward. Key elements of New Zealand's data stewardship work which we continue to share on an international scale are a definition of data stewardship (the data stewardship framework) governance, standards, rules and policies, data ethics (Ngā Tikanga Paihere and data ethics microcredentials), improving the visibility of government-held data, indigenous data governance, and assessing data maturity (a cross-government initiative that is underway).  We have been involved in shaping the advice on the scope of data stewardship and support the amended terms of reference of the Working Group and the workplan of the Working Group for 2022. One thing to note is that StatsNZ has found the five workstreams, which are part of UNSC, do not fully link into the Task Force which is supported by UNECE. Our main focus, for our limited resources, has been to focus on the paper being put together by the Task Force. There has been some confusion if the working groups link into this and if there is value on us being on both groups if they do not connect to each other.	
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