

# United Nations Statistical Commission

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### Items for discussion and decision: working methods of the Statistical Commission

#### Document E/CN.3/2022/6 – Report of the Bureau on the working methods of the Statistical Commission: Reassessing the terms of reference and review of other initiatives of the Bureau during the inter-sessional period, 2021-2022

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Ireland	
<i>Statement:</i>  Ireland proposes two changes: 1) OP4 currently reads ‘Calls on Member States to observe and uphold the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics’. We would like to amend this to read ‘Calls on Member States and the specialized agencies, funds and programmes, the regional economic commissions of the United Nations System, and other relevant programmes of the UN Secretariat to observe and uphold the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics’  The rationale, is we would like country support to strengthen the impartiality and independence of UN statistics, to avoid situations that we have all seen recently.  2) OP10 currently reads ‘Requests the specialized agencies, funds and programmes, the regional economic commissions of the United Nations System, and other relevant programmes of the UN Secretariat to continue to cooperate fully with the Statistical Commission in their efforts to carry out these tasks as listed in OP9 and to regard them as of first importance in coordinating their work programmes, especially long-term programmes, and also work in new directions’. We would like to amend this to read ‘Requests the specialized agencies, funds and programmes, the regional economic commissions of the United Nations System, and other relevant programmes of the UN Secretariat to continue to cooperate fully with the Statistical Commission in their efforts to carry out these tasks as listed in OP9 and to regard them as of central importance in coordinating their work programmes, especially long-term programmes, and also work in new directions;  The rationale is that ‘central’ removes any ranking – as currently configured, this wording may be problematic for many specialized agencies who have a separate governance structure, and wish to recognize the importance of both UNSC and their own governance mechanism.	
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