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

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Statistics Poland

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Poland aligns itself with the European Union's common position.

Statistics Poland supports the initiatives undertaken by the Bureau and a small working group on the working methods of the Statistical Commission.

Statistics Poland endorses the revision process of the Terms of Reference of the Statistical Commission. In our opinion, the revised version of the 50-year-old TORs will allow references to crucial statistical matters and topics faced by national statistics offices and national statistical systems, such as changing data ecosystems, new and alternative data sources, integrated geospatial information, modernization of statistics, data stewardship.

Poland appreciates the possibility of contributing to the group's work and having participated in the written discussion of the revision of the Terms of Reference of the Statistical Commission, the aim of which is understood by us as strengthening the Statistical Commission as an expert body on statistics and data and fortifying its role in the global statistical systems.

Statistics Poland agrees that the revision of ToRs can significantly contribute to the modernization of statistical systems, including a shift towards the new roles that NSOs have been assuming, including one of the data stewards. The Statistical Commission needs to be responsive and agile as regards these shifts.

Statistics Poland also expresses its gratitude and respect to the organizers of the 52nd and 53rd Session of the Statistical Commission for their efforts to successfully and efficiently hold a meeting in unusual conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the modalities such as side events (online meetings) and written statements, the Statistical Commission reached more stakeholders in the international statistical community.

Having said that, Poland expresses its hope that the following year the UN Statistical Commission would be reconvened in its usual face-to-face format, allowing for a more extensive exchange and discussion.

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