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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA) State of Qatar	
<i>Statement:</i> Actions to be taken by the Statistical Commission in relation to its terms of reference a) Taking note of the current report on the office work during the intersessional period. The report on the office work during the intersessional period clearly indicated the activities that the office is required to carry out. In our estimation, these activities are "objective and comprehensive". b) Considering and approving the revisions made to the Statistical Commission's terms of reference. We agree with what was stated in the report regarding the revisions to the Statistical Commission's terms of reference, being the highest body in the global statistical system, that brings together leading statisticians from Member States from all over the world. It is responsible for setting statistical standards, developing concepts, methods and classifications, and using them at the national and international levels. c) Expressing its views on the analysis of the documents. In our estimation, it is necessary for the Statistical Commission to undertake the task of building national capacities, in cooperation with the UN Statistics Division and other specialized international organizations. We believe that the Commission's terms of reference for the year 1971 need to be reviewed and updated in order to address the responsibility, management and governance of data, to develop an integrated data system that meets the needs of strategists, and those working in the field of monitoring and follow-up, and to prepare international reports such as the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. As for the publications included in the scoping process of the Statistical Commission's tasks, we believe that they were useful, and they shed light on many areas related to official statistics and data. d) Expressing its views on other initiatives undertaken by the office. With regard to the other initiatives mentioned in the report, such as organizing workshops and technical discussions and publishing the draft on the website in order to get global feedback, they aim to develop and activate the Statistical Commission's work.	
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