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**Items for discussion and decision: population and housing censuses**

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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Finland	
<i>Statement:</i> Finland aligns itself with the joint statement of the countries of the EU and the EFTA.  Finland welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme.  We support the proposals for further actions made in the report, and in particular the proposal in paragraph 26c) to encourage national statistical authorities to consider establishing national statistical population registers on the basis of the census master file produced in the 2020 Round of Censuses.  The census master file, where exists, is intended to provide an exhaustive count of the population and therefore, depending on national circumstances, alone or in combination with other data sources, provides a good basis for the statistical population register. The statistical population register represents an essential structure into which data from existing and emerging sources may be integrated to support the production of high-quality statistics.	
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