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**Items for discussion and decision: gender statistics**

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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Russian Federation	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>We take note of the work of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics. We believe that the issue of data on gender equality is already well integrated into the activities of the Commission, in particular, within the framework of the Group. Further action in this field should be taken precisely in this body. We would like to caution against the creation of any additional structures on this topic, which risks to provoke budget implications while the added value and efficiency of such an approach would be uncertain. We would like to stress that the Group should be conceptually guided by the 2030 Agenda in the area of equality between women and men and the empowerment of women and girls. In this respect, some activities, including of a methodological nature, that were discussed at the 8th World Forum on Gender Statistics and pursued within the UNECE, in our opinion, go beyond this conceptual framework and the mandate of the Commission. We call for a balanced approach to this worksteam based on consensus among Member States.</p> <p>We appreciate the work of the Statistics Division and the Expert Group on Innovative and Efficient Ways to Collect Time-Use Statistics. We note the practical significance of the implemented and proposed initiatives in terms of developing a minimum harmonized instrument for collecting time-use data and options to modernize time-use data production.</p> <p>We emphasize the high importance and relevance of developing UN guidelines and building the capacity of countries in time-use statistics.</p>	
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