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

**Document E/CN.3/2022/13 – Report of the World Health Organization on health statistics: strengthening statistical systems to track the health-related Sustainable Development Goals**

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Switzerland	
<i>Statement:</i> Switzerland takes note of the World Health Organization's (WHO) report and welcomes the various activities that were undertaken in recent years. The pandemic has illustrated the importance of timely and reliable data to support evidence-based decision-making.  However, we have noted that, contrary to what is mentioned in section E, COVID-19 excess mortality estimates have not yet been published. Those estimates will provide important information on the impact of the pandemic and assist population estimates. As such, Switzerland encourages the WHO to rapidly publish and disseminate these estimates.	
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