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<i>Statement provided by:</i> UNECE	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>UNECE welcomes the Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators and commends the work completed by UNSD, UNFCCC and the Expert Group on Environment Statistics in developing this extensive list with accompanying metadata. Adopting the Global Set will be a significant step towards improving the availability of climate change-related statistics and a key resource supporting the NSOs in starting or strengthening their work in this area. UNECE particularly appreciates the mapping of indicators with the Paris Agreement articles and the decisions from the Paris Agreement Work Programme, which provides important guidance on the use of statistics in the reporting process.</p> <p>UNECE welcomes the inclusion in the Global Set 34 out of 44 indicators from the Conference of European Statisticians' Core Set of CC-Related Statistics and Indicators (the CES Set), either verbatim or in a related form. The CES Set was developed between 2015 and 2020 by a dedicated UNECE Task Force chaired by Italy and vice-chaired by Luxembourg and endorsed in 2020 by the Conference of European Statisticians. The CES Set and the Global Set are complementary, as the CES Set focuses on core indicators needed to paint the big picture of climate change in an internationally comparable way and respond to main policy questions relevant in the UNECE region. The selection of indicators followed a careful vetting process based on the criteria of policy relevance in the UNECE region, methodological soundness and data availability. In line with the mandate of the Task Force, priority was given to SEEA based indicators. A comprehensive review of the CES Set is planned for 2025. However, some updates will be completed in the meantime, especially for tier III indicators, for which internationally agreed methodology had not been available when the CES Set was developed.</p> <p>UNECE agrees that further work on improving the availability and quality of climate change-related statistics and strengthening the link between statistics and policy at the national and international levels is needed. UNECE will continue working together with UNSD, UNFCCC and all other relevant international organizations in this area. A new UNECE Task Force on the role of national statistical offices in achieving national climate objectives has just been established under the Conference of European Statisticians to contribute to bridging the gap between statistics and policy. The Task Force will identify concrete ways in which NSOs can be involved and showcase what the statistical system already offers to support climate action.</p>	
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