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There is a growing trend to collect economic data using sources other than traditional methods of conducting and collecting economic statistics. Consumers are demanding more detailed and open information. Therefore, there is a need to negotiate with the private sector to access data generated by them such as information collected from chain stores, mobile operators, and tour operators.

We endorse the adoption of terms of reference for the network of economic statisticians. The recommendations should be developed with focus on how to work on data from private sector. In the context of measures beyond GDP, economic aggregates do not measure the social well-being of a country. Therefore, there is a need to prepare a handbook on how to calculate integrated well-being indicators.

It is necessary to organize training and seminars at the regional level on harmonization of economic statistics with social and environmental indicators.

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