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<i>Statement provided by:</i> The Netherlands	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>The Netherlands welcomes the establishment of the Network of Economic Statisticians and we endorse the terms of reference of the Network and we endorse the proposed activities and deliverables of the work program of the Network for 2022.</p> <p>Statistics Netherlands sees this new network as a great opportunity to foster the collaboration of National Statistical Institutes and international organizations in order to respond to new global phenomena by transforming and challenging the existing system of statistical infrastructure, operations and data solutions. We would like to emphasize that the Network of Economic Statisticians should aim at functioning as a booster for the work of different existing initiatives such as committees, task teams and city groups.</p> <p>Statistics Netherlands endorses the choice of the four workstreams of the Network and is committed to playing an active role in bringing this initiative to a successful result. Most of the current phenomena like digitalization, sustainability, inclusiveness and globalization are complex by its cross-cutting impact on statistics. The work of the Network of Economic Statisticians can help in streamlining and connecting the work of various committees and task teams.</p> <p>For example, the current work as part of the Data Access Sprint, undertaken by a joint task team of the Network and the Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics, can serve as important and useful input for the work of the Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics in the area of Global Value Chains. Connecting the work of these two Committees can serve as a great example of added value that the Network of Economic Statisticians can provide.</p>	
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