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<i>Statement provided by:</i> DANE - Colombia	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Colombia welcomes the report presented by the Committee of Experts on Business and trade Statistics and concurs with the vision set by the Committee that has identified a set of priority areas that will be essential within the “new normality” such as green economy, wellbeing and inclusiveness, digitalization, productivity innovation and foreign trade. We consider that the work plan to be developed for the 2022-2024 will be essential in order to allow the production of granular and high-quality data that allows to provide the evidence base for decision makers.</p> <p>Nevertheless, and with the clarity of the need to have the aforementioned information, we consider it important to recognize that one of the factors to be taken into account in this vision is that the multiplication of statistical operations in the sector implies increasing the burden on the user.</p> <p>It is important to highlight that in the past few years, Colombia’s National Statistical Office has undertaken a series of reforms and progress allowing to enhance structural surveys of trade, services and manufacturing, allowing to establish a framework for covering emerging issues through the creation of surveys that cover more in depth the issues of circular economy, foreign trade and the environment. Nonetheless, a remaining challenge remains and it’s to collect this information from SME’s. As such, Colombia looks forward to the realization of the economic census in 2023, that will enable to update the business statistical register, increase the coverage of structural surveys, and produce valuable information regarding business and trade statistics. With this information being available we will be eager to participate in the development of global databases on business demography, business dynamics and entrepreneurship, globalization and digitalization, and well-being and sustainability.</p> <p>Moreover, given the Colombian experience and capabilities, we firmly believe that an enhanced use of geospatial information for the maintaining and update of the statistical business registers, as such we would appreciate the effort of the committee in the forthcoming years in order to foster the creation of a scenarios that allows the exchange of best practices.</p> <p>The National Statistics Office of Colombia’s conveys its interest in maintaining a reinvigorated participation in the discussions of the task teams as the vision set for the Committee is endorsed.</p>	
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