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Mexico agrees with the revised strategic view on business and trade statistics elaborated by the Committee, which highlights the integration of business and trade statistics by establishing the new Task Team on International Trade Statistics (TT-ITS). Also, it is recognized as the priority areas for the ongoing activities (digitalization, productivity, and innovation; green economy; and wellbeing and social inclusion). Besides, Mexico welcomes the priority areas due to the activities of the Task Team on Business Dynamics, Demography and Entrepreneurship, led by INEGI, where innovation is a very relevant determinant of entrepreneurship and the productivity help us to analyse the impact of entrepreneurial activities in the economy.

On the other hand, Mexico recognizes the progress of the TT-ITS for revising the international trade statistics related manuals while considering the integration of business and trade statistics. Nevertheless, coordination among different international/regional bodies and initiatives must be highlighted, due to the importance to communicate that these efforts seek to keep consistency among different ongoing working groups and initiatives. Regarding the maturity model on SBR, Mexico welcomes this initiative that seeks to close gaps between countries with different statistical infrastructure; in this sense, the dimensions considered in the framework of the Manual on the Maturity Model, as well as the toolkit (self-assessment, training material, country practices, among others) will help countries to robust and improve their SBR.

Concerning the Manual on the Global set of principal business and trade indicators, Mexico, through INEGI, is very happy to have been an active participant in the identification of some of them, as well as for preparing the technical sheets (specifically those in the field of business dynamics, demography, and entrepreneurship). Also, INEGI was glad to support UNSD to conduct a pilot exercise with countries that participates in the Task Teams of the Committee and Latin American Countries members of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). INEGI will continue supporting the activities of the Committee, particularly for developing the second volume of this manual which will integrate international trade indicators.

Finally, Mexico endorses the initiative for a global unique identifier, particularly for tracking cross-border transactions of MNEs and their affiliates. We also agree that this initiative will support other efforts such as the Global Group Registers and ADIMA.

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