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Statement provided by: Stats NZ
Overview: In the report, the Committee describes the progress made by the Committee over the past year in terms of completed or ongoing outputs. It also highlights the mandate and the work programme of the newly established task team on international trade statistics. The Committee has identified and is proposing to address emerging priority areas connected to the current situation, which it describes as "the new normal". Emerging priority areas include the impact of businesses on several dimensions of well-being and social inclusiveness, the connection between business activity and the so-called "green economy" and the interaction among digitalization, innovation and productivity. The proposed approach for further integrating business and trade statistics while dealing with emerging priority areas, is presented within the framework of the Committee's refined strategic view, which encompasses both the update of the current set of priority areas and their link to the work programme.
Action Taken by the Statistical Commission: The Commission is invited to express its views on: (a) The revised strategic view on business and trade statistics to strengthen the horizontal (across statistical domains) and vertical (between data sources and macroframeworks) integration of business and trade statistics, the new priority areas identified in section II.A of the present document and the plan to develop the detailed future work programme, as presented in section III of the present document;   (b) The progress of work of the task team on international trade statistics, the proposed revision process and research agenda for the revision of the international trade statistics manuals, the plan to develop a maturity model and assessment tool for statistics on international trade in services and progress made on trade data tools for international merchandise trade statistics;   (c) The manual on the global core set of principal business and trade indicators and the use of the list of indicators as a reference list for countries to develop business and trade statistics, with a view to informing users about the topics of business demography, business dynamics and entrepreneurship; globalization and digitalization; and well-being and sustainability;   (d) The manual on the maturity model for statistical business registers, the launch of a regular assessment on the status of implementation of statistical business registers in countries and the proposed capacity-building activities for statistical business registers;   (e) The establishment of an initiative aimed at improving the availability of a unique identifier in countries' administrative data sources and the link with a global unique identifier

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Statement:
StatsNZ commends the progress made by the Committee over the past year in terms of completed or ongoing outputs. It also highlights the mandate and the work programme of the newly established task team on international trade statistics.   StatsNZ is content with the progress of work of the task team on international trade statistics, the proposed revision process and research agenda for the revision of the international trade statistics manuals, the plan to develop a maturity model and assessment tool for statistics on international trade in services and progress made on trade data tools for international merchandise trade statistics;   We are also content with the manual on the global core set of principal business and trade indicators and the use of the list of indicators as a reference list   StatsNZ has done a lot of work on Business Registers and support the progress so far on the manual on the maturity model for statistical business registers.

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