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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Russian Federation	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>We endorse the revision of the strategic view on business and trade statistics to strengthen the horizontal and vertical integration of statistics in this area.</p> <p>The Russian Federation welcomes the start of work of the task team on international trade statistics on revising the manual International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions 2010 and the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services 2010, enhancing the integration between trade and business statistics, global trade data programs, capacity-building, and cross-cutting topics (such as digital trade and trade by enterprise characteristics).</p> <p>We endorse the progress made by the Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics in developing 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.</p> <p>We support the idea that traditional statistical business register should be extended by adding activity indicators, expanding coverage to include unincorporated digital entrepreneurs and incorporating an expanded set of trade signals. At the same time, it should be noted that the national circumstances such as restrictions imposed on development of statistical register by the national legislation should also be taken into account.</p> <p>We agree with the Committee's decision to circulate the manual on the maturity model for statistical business registers to conduct global consultation among countries and relevant international and regional organizations. We note that the business register maturity model is an important tool for assessing the quality of national business registers and monitoring implementation of international recommendations on statistical business registers.</p> <p>We support the global initiative proposed by the Committee to mobilize efforts to promote the establishment of unique identifiers in countries. We note that this initiative will facilitate sharing of administrative data for statistical business registers. The use of global unique identifiers will also contribute to the development of global registries and to building the capacity of business registers. At the same time, it should be noted that it is necessary to maintain a constant dialogue with data providers based on mutual respect of interests while sharing data.</p>	
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