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As regards the ISIC structural draft submitted, we are currently also consulting stakeholders at the national level (Federal Statistical Office (internally), statistical offices of the Länder, federal ministries and agencies, economic associations), as we are doing at the international level until 18 February 2022.

We think that it is appropriate to hold a consultation, like that held by the UNSD, on a classification structural draft if the feedback and notes provided in this way by data users and producers can potentially be taken into account (following more detailed analysis and assessment). If we follow the proposed procedure, however, this can probably not be finished before the coming UNSC meeting in March 2022. The main reason is that the UNSD would have to check a possibly large number of country statements within a few days.

From the German point of view, it is difficult to adopt just individual classification levels without establishing the final classification in its entirety. To ensure that the 3-digit level is well balanced, it would however be meaningful and necessary to agree at the same time on the breakdowns at the lower levels and to adopt them, too.

We therefore propose that the ISIC structural draft should not be adopted at the UNSC 2022, but rather in a subsequent written procedure before the UNSC 2023.

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