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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Switzerland	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Switzerland endorses the draft revised structure of ISIC and will actively contribute to future work by providing inputs for the global consultation and by drafting explanatory notes, to establish a new classification that reflects the economic reality.</p> <p>Based on the discussions with the European Statistical System (ESS), Switzerland strongly supports the cyclical review process of ISIC. Further, Switzerland underlines the importance of the international coordination between the (cyclical) review processes of ISIC and NACE. They should be carried out in parallel and in a coordinated manner to ensure international comparability and consistency of time series. In addition, the period of the cyclical review should ideally be coordinated with the revision of the System of National Accounts (SNA).</p> <p>The cyclical review process of ISIC (and NACE) is essential to ensure that the economic reality is reflected accurately in the classification of economic activities and in the business statistics produced. The frequent review/update process ensures a more flexible and responsive classification to new and emerging policy needs. This, however, requires resources from national statistical offices that have to be planned.</p> <p>Switzerland is in favor of including wider statistical classification matters and to work on new and innovative approaches for the development and maintenance of international statistical classifications in order to build classifications that are solid, stable and close to economic reality and to reduce the time and cost associated with the cyclical review.</p> <p>Further, Switzerland endorses the Classification of Business Functions (CBF) for use as an international standard classification. Switzerland also supports the proposal to initiate the revision of the Standard International Energy Product Classification (SIEC) and welcomes the improved harmonization between the Central Product Classification (CPC) and the SIEC that contributes to ensuring the coherence of the physical and monetary environmental accounts.</p>	
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