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<i>Statement provided by:</i> UN Climate Change (UNFCCC Secretariat)	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>The UN Climate Change (UNFCCC Secretariat) welcomes the report of the Secretary General on climate change statistics presented to the fifty-third session of the Statistical Commission.</p> <p>As shown in the report, the UNFCCC Secretariat continued its strong cooperation with the UN Statistics Division which has gradually increased in recent years especially based on the mandate received at the forty-ninth session of the Statistical Commission for enhancing and promoting the interface between climate change policy and statistics.</p> <p>Considering that new and diverse data will be needed by countries to implement the Paris Agreement, the UNFCCC Secretariat has worked closely together with UNSD in the last three years on the development of the Global Set of Climate Change Indicators and Statistics. Adoption of this Global Set will support countries in reporting crucial information under the Enhanced Transparency Framework and will contribute to the implementation of the Global Stocktake process under the Paris Agreement. Given the dynamic nature of climate change related activities and impacts, a review of the current indicators and statistics in the Global Set would be beneficial after sufficient time has passed for countries to have gained experience in implementing it.</p> <p>We would also like to emphasize the importance of continuing to enhance the collaboration between national statistical offices and national authorities responsible for reporting climate change-related information to the UNFCCC secretariat, given the data requirements for reporting under the Paris Agreement and the need to strengthen the national statistical systems for providing the necessary information.</p> <p>Considering past mandates received from the Commission, the UNFCCC secretariat and UNSD continued to undertake activities for strengthening the link between statistics and policy, such as joint initiatives in the development of climate change statistics and indicators, joint capacity-building efforts and trainings/workshops/webinars with other partners. These kinds of activities must continue in the next years at the national, regional and international levels, also with the involvement and support of other interested organizations.</p> <p>Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this written statement!</p>	
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