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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)	
<i>Agenda item</i>	Item 4(a) Ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data (E/CN.3/2022/30)
<i>Statement:</i> Malaysia would like to welcome the report made by the Titchfield Group on Ageing-related Statistics and Age-disaggregated Data. The report contains a summary of developments regarding the work of the Titchfield City Group since 2018, including planned activities and publications for 2021 and the impact of COVID-19 on the work and timeline for the Group. The report also includes a revised roadmap which extends the timeline of the City Group to conclude in 2025. The purpose and overall objective of the Titchfield Group are to support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by identifying gaps with regards to and developing international guidance and methods for producing data disaggregated by age as well as ageing-related data across the life course. Malaysia also appreciates the effort made by the Titchfield Group on Ageing-related Statistics and Age-disaggregated Data in collaboration with United Nations bodies, national statistical offices and other organizations concerned with aspects of ageing-related and age-disaggregated statistics. Malaysia takes note of the revised road map of the report.	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	Item 4(b) Disability statistics (E/CN.3/2022/31)
<i>Statement:</i> Malaysia acknowledges the importance of development on methodological guidelines for disability statistics particularly in enhancing the collection, compilation and dissemination and usage of data on disability. Malaysia fully supports the agenda of promoting equal opportunity and treatment in employment by the International Labour Organization (ILO). Thus, discrimination towards the disabled persons can be lessened. The multiple questions set on different aspects of disability statistics developed by the Washington Group is relevant and applicable to distinguish normal and disabled persons. It is proven to be an action to improve disability statistics as it has been used by many international agencies. The Department of Statistics Malaysia collects relevant disability information as follows: i. Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020: The population profile of the disabled collected in the 2020 Census includes living quarters, household, individual, additional modules, health and fitness, social relations, housing and senior citizens. ii. Starting 2019, the Labour Force Survey (LFS) covers disability profiles based on demographic characteristics and employment status.	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	Item 4(c) Energy statistics (E/CN.3/2022/32)
<i>Statement:</i> Malaysia is in line with the efforts by the Intersecretariat Working Group to discuss a range of issues that require coordination among international and regional agencies involved. Malaysia acknowledges the initiative taken by the committee to organise an online training course related to the International Recommendations and Energy Statistics Compilers Manual. Malaysia will also continue to support ongoing activities in the energy statistics work programme under the Statistics Division.	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	Item 4(d) Industrial statistics (E/CN.3/2022/33)
<i>Statement:</i> Malaysia congratulates UNIDO on its efforts and contributions to the development of industrial statistics. Over the past 2 years, Malaysia has benefited a lot from the workshops and capacity-building programmes organised by UNIDO. Thanks to UNIDO for their initiative to share the statistics at no charges starting earlier this year. Industrial statistics compiled according to the international standard such as ISIC rev. 4 allows for comparison of data between countries without conceptual differences and bias. These databases are indeed useful for our users. Malaysia is interested in the SDG development work mentioned, especially those related to SMEs. We hope to learn from UNIDO to obtain SME non-financial information (including SDG 9.3.2) regularly by innovation methods such as administrative data, big data and real-time data. Currently, DOSM is reviewing emerging industries' definitions and classification such as The Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR4.0) and Oil & Gas Services and Equipment (OGSE) industry to provide the statistics required in monitoring the development of those industries. We believe this is a new area that we can learn from UNIDO's past experience. In the efforts to reduce the industrial statistics data gap, Malaysia has embarked on the survey that focuses on SMEs. In addition to surveys, administrative data is also available and is used to monitor the current developments in Malaysia SMEs. The latest Malaysia SME statistics were published in 2021. Malaysia is ready to share her knowledge with other NSOs.	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	Item 4(e) Business registers (E/CN.3/2022/34)
<i>Statement:</i> Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) takes note of the Report of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers. In terms of country progress reports, Malaysia has contributed in the past and will continue to support any future compilation. As proposed by the Wiesbaden Group, administrative data has long been the main source for updating Malaysia Statistical Business Register (MSBR) with Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM), Employee Provident Fund (EPF) and Royal Malaysian Custom Department being the three main sources. Under the Malaysia National Statistical System Plan, the collaboration with administrative sources will be strengthen to cover all relevance administrative sources. Including in the plan is engagement with administrative sources to improve access to and the quality of those sources. During Covid pandemic, to ensure business as usual, Malaysia relies heavily on administrative data sources to update MSBR. SBR is a useful tool to facilitate data integration between multiple data sources to support the compilation of new statistics. In Malaysia, MSBR has been linked with trade database to produce Trade Enterprise Characteristic (TEC). Currently we are developing geospatial platform where MSBR, address register and population register are integrated and has piloted for the certain Administrative District. The final product will enable user to access spatial information at the smallest geographical level. Malaysia recognise the importance of profiling and large cases units to reflect multinationals correctly and to improve the quality of MSBR to produce better economic statistics.	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	Item 4(f) Service statistics (E/CN.3/2022/35)
<i>Statement:</i> Malaysia takes note the report of Voorburg Group Service Statistics on advertising (ISIC 73.10) and publishing (ISIC 58.12 and 58.13), architectural and engineering activities and related technical consultancy revisited sector paper (ISIC 71.1), accommodation (ISIC 55.1), renting and leasing of motor vehicles (ISIC 77.10) and warehousing and storage (ISIC 52.10). For Malaysia, the main statistics compiled for the above industries are revenue, output, intermediate input, number of workers as well as salary and wages that are released quarterly. This also includes volume measures. Now, Malaysia is in the process of compiling the monthly Output Index of Services (nominal) which includes the above industries.	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	Item 4(g) Price statistics (E/CN.3/2022/36)
<i>Statement:</i> Malaysia welcomes the report and appreciates the effort made by Economic and Social Council, International Monetary Fund and Eurostat in providing guidance material on price collection and index compilation in response to COVID-19. Malaysia has explored a mixed mode approach in data collection to improve the timeliness of its statistics. DOSM has also started utilizing more alternative data sources such as web-scraped data, big data and administrative data in compiling price indices. These strategies have resulted in lessening field work requirements and have enhanced DOSM's ability to provide timely data. In fact, DOSM was able to leverage on these initiatives during the pandemic. Its ability to gather information with reduced face-to-face interactions expedited the data collection process even when enumerators were not able to physically gather information from the field. DOSM is currently conducting the Household Income, Expenditure and Basic Amenities Survey (HIES/BA) 2022 from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022. The Survey is conducted by using the latest Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose 2018. DOSM planned to adopt the new COICOP classification for CPI by 2024. However, further study with regard to this matter will be conducted based on the guidance and instructions to countries prepared by the working group.	
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<i>Agenda item</i>	Item 4(h) Coordination of statistical programmes (E/CN.3/2022/37 and E/CN.3/2022/38)
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>Malaysia acknowledges and appreciates the work carried out by the United Nations System Chief Statistician Committee in close cooperation with the Statistical Activities Coordinating Committee, especially reporting on the implementation and achievement of the "System-wide Road Map for Innovating United Nations Data and Statistics" as endorsed at the 52nd UNSC. Thanks to each working group that has worked together to achieve its objectives jointly at the regional and global levels. Malaysia warmly welcomes the improvement of the data.un.org portal as a reference point for data and statistics of the United Nations system as well as strengthening the position of the United Nations system as a major provider of global data and statistics.</p> <p>Malaysia strongly encourages Target 2.2 on a culture of data literacy that supports increased understanding and makes everyone at every level appreciate the value of data for their daily operations and achieve the objectives of their respective agencies/ organisations. It builds trust in the data/statistics and increases the comfort of the public using the data in general. Malaysia welcomes the committee to continue organising related training in enhancing literacy and it is hoped that the training material could be shared with training institutions at the regional and national levels. This will serve as a guide for implementing and improving the community's literacy culture.</p>	
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