8 March 2022

Subject: 53rd session of the United Nations Statistical Commission: circulation of draft report, draft resolution and draft decisions

Excellency,

I wish to thank you and all delegates for the successful conclusion of the 53rd session of the United Nations Statistical Commission and the valuable contributions.

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2022/312 of 16 February 2022 and after consultation with the Bureau of the Commission, I have the honour to circulate to all members of the Commission with a copy to all UN Member States the following draft decisions of the Commission for adoption under silence procedure of at least 72 hours:

(a) the draft procedural report of its fifty-third session (E/CN.3/2022/L.3), see Annex I;

(b) the draft resolution entitled “Ensuring the work in the field of statistics and data is adaptive to the changing statistical and data ecosystem”, see Annex II; and

(c) the draft decisions of its fifty-third session, see Annex III.

These draft proposals are formulated on the basis of our discussion at the 7th and 8th meetings of the Commission on 4 March 2022 and do not have programme budget implications. They are also available on the website of the Statistical Commission at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/53rd-session/documents. If the silence is not broken on these proposals through an objection by a member of the Commission, the above draft decisions shall be considered adopted.

Objections to any of the above draft decisions by a member of the Commission should be submitted by Friday, 11 March 2022, at 6 p.m. for my attention via the Secretariat: statistics@un.org and copy to Ms. Claudia Gross, Secretary of the Commission (claudia.gross@un.org), Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UN Statistics Division (schweinfest@un.org) and Ms. Linda Hooper, UN Statistics Division (hooper@un.org).

Please clearly indicate the specific title of the decision to which the objection refers, i.e., the draft report, draft resolution or the number of the draft decision listed in Annex III. It should be understood that an objection to the adoption of any of the draft proposals or
draft decisions does not affect the adoption of the other draft proposals or draft decisions under silence procedure.

For questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

I would like to take this opportunity to express also on behalf of the Bureau, sincere appreciation to all delegations for their constructive engagement throughout the session. I count on the continued understanding, support and cooperation of the Commission members and sincerely hope that the Commission’s longstanding tradition of decision-making by consensus will be maintained, particularly given the extraordinary and unprecedented situation of the pandemic.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
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Chair
Statistical Commission

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