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Coordination of statistical activities in the United Nations

The Statistical Commission:

- (a) Welcomed the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2012/15), which addressed concerns raised at the forty-second session of the Statistical Commission; stressed the importance of effective coordination on statistical programmes within the United Nations system; and agreed that the time was right for a general review and assessment of the existing coordination mechanisms;
- (b) Agreed with the proposal to form a Friends of the Chair group, which would be tasked to reflect on the current situation and to make proposals for improved mechanisms; a new terms of reference would be prepared taking into account the comments received;
- (c) Affirmed the need for the active and full participation in the Friends of the Chair group by representatives from relevant United Nations system entities with knowledge of the relevant institutional background, and noted with appreciation the interest from Member States and United Nations entities to participate in this process;
- (d) Entrusted the Chair of the Statistical Commission, in consultation with the Bureau and the co-Chairs of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities, to address relevant issues for the functioning of the Friends of the Chair;
- (e) Requested the Friends of the Chair group to report back to the Commission at its forty-fourth session in 2013.