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Coordination of statistical activities in the United Nations system

The Statistical Commission:

- (a) Welcomed the report of the Friends of the Chair on the coordination of statistical activities in the United Nations system, and appreciated the work of the Friends of the Chair under the leadership of Mexico to analyse the elements of the United Nations statistical system and existing coordination mechanisms;
- (b) Stressed that effective coordination is essential, especially in the area of data sharing in order to reduce the reporting burden on countries;
- (c) Supported the long-term vision for an effective global data-collection mechanism.
- (d) Stressed the importance of effective coordination among the agencies of the United Nations system and the national statistical offices in order to promote the use of official statistics by the agencies and to avoid duplication and discrepancies in statistical sources;
- (e) Endorsed the proposal that the United Nations chief statisticians hold regular meetings, and mandated the group to follow up on the recommendations of the Friends of the Chair for improved coordination and report back to the Commission.