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For discussion and
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Agenda

COMMENTS ON THE IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF PROCESS-ORIENTED APPROACH
TO STATISTICAL PRODUCTION

Prepared by the Secretariat

The note provides the comments from UNECE as input to the working draft of the in-depth review of process-oriented approach to statistical production.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The note is prepared based on an internal discussion in the UNECE Statistical Division on a process-oriented approach to statistical production.
2. The Secretariat would like to congratulate Turkey, the author of the document “In-depth review of process-oriented approach to statistical production”, on the quality of the paper and the approach used in addressing this topic. The document provides a good overview of the activities in this area at international level, and provides a valuable theoretical background and explanation to the process-oriented approach to statistical production.
3. The survey of practices amongst national statistical offices (which Turkey developed in consultation with the High-level Group (HLG) Modernisation Committee on Standards) was considered to be well-structured.
4. The final paragraph (§117) of the in-depth review paper invited the Bureau to consider a way forward, including:
 - a) Determining characteristics and requirements of process orientation with a simple and actionable “**to do list**”;
 - b) Carrying out a **compilation of NSO experience** covering more countries and collecting material in a **wiki knowledge base**,
 - c) Discussing the topic at a **future CES seminar** to find synergies across countries and identify additional areas for improvement, standardisation or automation of processes.

II. COMMENTS

5. The Secretariat supports the proposal to hold a seminar on this topic. Such a seminar/workshop might be best placed to decide how to prepare a check-list for implementing process-orientation, provide input for such a list, and consider how to take the work further.

6. Regarding the suggestion of creating a knowledge base, the Secretariat finds the structure used in Turkey's survey to be very appropriate for sharing lessons learnt (as illustrated by paragraph 63 of the in-depth review). These questions can be used to build a wiki platform that would allow countries to share their experiences in implementing process-oriented business structures.

7. Such activities would fall under the work programme of the High-Level Group on Modernisation of Statistical Production and Services. Therefore the High-Level Group is invited to consider how to fit the proposed activities on process-oriented approach to statistical production among its existing activities.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

8. The Secretariat suggests first organising a seminar/workshop on the process-oriented approach to statistical production, under the HLG, to discuss the way forward and consider issues requiring collaboration among national statistical offices.

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