Results of the consultation on
Common elements of statistical legislation

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CES consultation in April 2018

- 40 countries from and 1 international organization responded
- Task Force members from different regions; comments from outside the region (e.g. Chile, Colombia, Mexico) showing global applicability of the Guidance
- Many valuable, very detailed comments on various aspects of the document, including additional case studies to be included in the Guidance
- All responding countries and organizations consider the Guidance useful and ready for approval subject to the amendments resulting from the comments
- Proposed change of the title to: **Guidance on modernising statistical legislation**
The Guidance:
- is a useful voluntary guidance to support countries in reinforcing their statistical legislation (Austria; Belarus)
- provides a wide scope of options for any country regardless of the state or nature of the current legal landscape and institutional structures (Canada; New Zealand)
- provides a comprehensive picture of the ideal national statistical legislation and the factors that should be taken into account when it is revised, including the emerging issues (Poland)

Chile, Malta, Norway, Slovakia and Switzerland are already planning to use the Guidance in revising their statistical law
The Conference is invited to:

- To endorse the *Guidance on common elements of statistical legislation*, subject to the amendments presented in document ECE/CES/2018/6/Add.1.
- To agree with changing the title to *Guidance on modernising statistical legislation*.
- To advise on the follow-up activities proposed by the Task Force and CES members during the consultation, including reviewing the Guidance in five years.