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Thank you, Madame Chair.

The International Labour Organization aligns with the statement given by the CCSA and welcomes the report of the Secretary General on Social Statistics.

As it was stated in 2022, we support the activities of the then created Friends of the Chair group on Social and Demographic statistics as a means of scaling up the statistical activities in these areas and promoting coherence and integration of various agreed frameworks, so important in the SDG process, its future beyond 2030 but also timely in the present discussions around the Beyond-GDP initiative, the measurement of the advancement of global social justice and other existing statistical initiatives around wellbeing. We stand ready to support this group in the area related to labour aspects, which is an undisputed key area of social statistics, and also a clear bridge to economic statistics.

The ILO recognizes the progress achieved by the Expert Group on Migration Statistics in developing an indicator framework as an essential component of the upcoming revised Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration and Mobility. International migration, and more specifically international labour migration, has become a central feature of global and regional development, with the capacity to reduce inequalities and transform societies. At the same time, without managed, fair and ethical migration policies that are grounded on evidence, international migrants, including migrant workers, remain a group at high risk of exploitation and abuse. The indicator framework advanced by the Expert Group on Migration Statistics represents an important contribution to guide the production of a core set of statistics on international migration and mobility, covering key policy areas of concern beyond demography, to include empowering labour migrants, and eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against migrants and temporary populations. The ILO encourages the Expert Group to continue advancing its work to deliver a revised set of Recommendations of International Migration and Mobility statistics, that takes account of the multiple dimensions of human migration and mobility and that also promotes coherence with related international statistical standards including the ones from the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians' guidelines on statistics of international labour migration.

Thank you, Madame Chair.