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Item 4

4.a. Progress made since the eighth session of the Committee on Statistics

Comments from Uzbekistan:

Good afternoon, dear members of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics and participants of today's session!

First of all, I would like to express my deep thanks for the opportunity to participate in the work of the **Committee on Statistics**. It is a great honor for us to be among the members of the **ESCAP**.

The work of the **Committee on Statistics** helps national statistical systems produce high-quality statistics and data in an broadly interconnected, dynamic and digital world.

With your permission, I would like to comment on **Item 4.a** of today`s Agenda.

Based on the information provided by the secretariat on implementing the decisions taken by the Committee on Statistics at its eighth session in **2022** and the results of the review of the groups and communities of practices supporting the work of the Committee, we can say that although a significant progress was made, still there is a need to further develop and make less formal cooperation mechanisms.

Therefore, we support the draft decision on replacing current the groups and communities with more flexible task teams for short time periods to create more focus on achieving specific objectives of these teams.

At the same time I think these replacements and changes could help establish more accessible and knowledge sharing environment. Moreover, these improvements of groups and communities could provide more flexibility and more help to national statistical offices in such complex and rapidly changing world.