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4.b. Report of the bureau

In the document, the secretariat provides a summary of the activities of the bureau since the eighth session of the Committee. The Committee is invited to take note of the document and offer feedback to the bureau on its activities.

Furthermore, considering that the bureau has been operating in line with the terms of reference endorsed by the Committee at its eighth session (see ESCAP/CST/2022/7, annex), the Committee may wish to share its views on the effectiveness of those terms of reference.

Comments from Uzbekistan:

During the period under review, the bureau held four physical meetings (*26 August 2022, 27 February 2023, 7 September 2023, 26 February 2024*).

Indeed, Uzbekistan for the first time became a member of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which was mainly due to the great support of the Bureau and we are thankful for this.

I would like to comment on the Decision 3 made at the eighth session of the Committee on Statistics. Particularly, data governance has become one of the important aspects of the NSO, as we are now dealing with huge amount of data and data sources, including traditional and non-traditional. And, this in turn increases the relevance of data management.

In my humble opinion, NSOs should actively participate in data governance within their NSS and countries as whole. And, at this point Bureau can assist NSO by providing guidelines, recommendations and platforms with best practices from our region.