

UNSD comments for Agenda Item 3 (b) population and social statistics

UNSD appreciates the report on population and social statistics, put before us for discussion. The report elaborates on the plan to implement the Regional Strategies developed by the FoC Group.

UNSD considers that it is very appropriate that the FoC Group closely examined the relevance of the **Core Set of population & social statistics** to the SDG monitoring framework, in view of the ongoing review of regional initiatives on statistics development to support the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

However, we are of the view that the work to improve population and social statistics would benefit further by reflecting on the relevance of the **Core Set** with existing international standards or recommendations in these areas. For example, we found no reference in the report to a minimum set of Gender Statistics, endorsed by the SC. We would like to know very much how such existing work at the global level has been taken into consideration in facilitating the improvements in population and social statistics in the region.

Lastly, if appropriate, UNSD would be happy to be a member of Steering Group, so that we can ensure that Regional Strategies and the global work can seek maximum synergies.