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**Update on FAO statistics work for SDG indicators and the UN Statistical  
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This addendum provides a further update on FAO's engagement with the Interagency and Expert Group on SDG indicators (IAEG-SDG) and the UN Statistical Commission, with respect to document *Update on FAO statistics work for SDG indicators and the UN Statistical Commission* (PC 135/INF/3).

1. Despite the IAEG-SDG's recent approval of the proxy indicators proposed by FAO, in the context of the 54th Session of the UN Statistical Commission (28 February – 3 March 2023) a number of non-IAEG-SDG Members requested more time to discuss and potentially refine the 2.4.1 proxy.
2. At the same time, the Commission agreed that proxy indicators could be considered as a practical interim solution to be adopted before 2025, if the current official indicator was proven to be very challenging for countries to implement, report on and if the proposed proxy indicator had a sound methodology and good country coverage.
3. The interim use of the proxies proposed by FAO will be decided at one of the futures IAEG-SDG meetings, while a final decision on whether to replace the official indicator with the proxy indicator shall be considered in the context of the 2025 Comprehensive Review of the SDG indicator framework.
4. Management reiterates its willingness to keep Members abreast of the latest developments concerning SDG indicators and the proxy indicators in particular, and confirms that it will convene an information meeting with Members in the first half of 2023.