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**Statistical Commission**  
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**25 February 2011**

**Co-Chairs' summary**

1. On 25 February 2011, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Statistical Commission held a dialogue between representatives of national statistical offices and national machineries for gender equality to discuss the state of gender statistics and exchange views on challenges and new directions. The dialogue was a continuation of an established good practice to exchanges views between the s Fonal a02 of gende.000.0ity to discuss tind004tTT0 r0.0stin(St Twctio.0001

assigned to the national mechanism, with support from the NSO. Multi-disciplinary approaches have been adopted and bilateral user-producer consultations undertaken between NSOs and gender equality mechanisms. Most countries have designated staff or a unit responsible for gender statistics.

6. The main outputs of national gender statistics programmes included statistical publications on the situation of women and men, gender statistics databases, methodological work, surveys of general purpose (e.g. population census, national demographic and health surveys, general social surveys and integrated household surveys), surveys on specific issues related to women and gender equality. International and regional programmes focused on promoting knowledge sharing, providing technical advice and capacity building, producing technical materials, compiling statistics and indicators, disseminating gender statistics, developing databases, and providing financial support to national programmes.

7. Other efforts undertaken by the Statistical Commission included the adoption of a set of statistical indicators on violence against women, and ongoing work on the development and testing of related methodologies and guidelines. A module for use in demographic and health surveys was prepared and has been pilot tested in a number of countries; and specific questions related to violence against women and girls have also been included in aen9 Tc 0.

The Statistics Division and UN Women should collaborate to increase the financial resources available for gender statistics.