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• The following major points concerning the VG were contained in paragraphs 50-57 of the OECD’s report on services statistics to the UNSC:
  1. VG focus shall essentially be one of developing concepts, methods, and best practices in the area of services
  2. The VG scope will remain focused on turnover, classification and prices
  3. The VG felt it was essential to provide tangible results and recommendations on the conceptual and practical aspects of the development of service statistics. There is a need to better define the nature of the service that we are trying to measure with turnovers and prices. There is a need to integrate the national accounts perspective with measurement issues in turnover, prices, and classification
  4. Next steps for the VG would involve making changes to the workplan, its development process, and the format of the meeting
  5. Keep what worked well in the past, but provide more structure to mini-presentations in order to identify the best practices that would go into final (sector) papers

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