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***Complementary
Statistical Information***

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A biennial questionnaire sent to about 160+ UN member states (all UN member states except OECD and Eurostat members/candidates and potential members/candidates): The UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics (water and waste sections). It collects data at the national level on volumes of waste measured in 1000s of tonnes. Variables collected include: “municipal solid waste (MSW) generated”; “MSW collected”; “MSW treated”; “MSW composted”; “**MSW recycled**”; “MSW landfilled”; “MSW in controlled landfilling”; “MSW incinerated”; “MSW incinerated with energy recovery”, etc. Furthermore, data is collected on the % composition of MSW by several variables (“Paper, paperboard”; “Textiles”; “**Plastics**”; “Glass”; “Metals”; “Other Inorganic Material”; “Organic material”). Data on other types of waste (e.g. hazardous waste, e-waste, food waste) are also collected. I can speak about this at the EG as relevant. The waste section of the Questionnaire is available here: https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envstats/Questionnaires/2022/q2022_Waste_English.pdf

The water section of the Questionnaire is available here: https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envstats/Questionnaires/2022/q2022_Water_English.pdf

Generic link to all cycles of the UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics (water and waste sections) is available here: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envstats/questionnaire>

UNSD disseminates solid waste and water data here: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/envstats/qindicators>

UNSD authored this Manual document on guiding countries for compilation of waste statistics (in particular, statistics on Generation and Management of Waste): https://unstats.un.org/unsd/environment/FDES/MS_3.3.1_3.3.2_Waste.pdf

A flagship product of UNSD’s is The Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES 2013). It is a comprehensive analysis of environment statistics, and waste statistics feature in subcomponent 3.3 (Generation and Management of Waste). Refer link: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/environment/FDES/FDES-2015-supporting-tools/FDES.pdf>

Here is a link to where Eurostat disseminates some of its waste data: <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/data/database> If you then navigate like this (> Environment and Energy > Environment > Waste > Waste streams).