Measuring Information and Communication Technology for Development on the progress it had made regarding the availability and comparability of information and communications technology statistics;

(b) Welcomed the revised guidelines to produce information and communications technology statistics, recognized the importance of such statistics for sustainable development and for building resilience, and requested additional guidance on the compilation of statistics on information and communications technology services in relation to e-commerce, the digital economy and the sharing economy;

(c) Endorsed the thematic list of information and communications technology indicators for monitoring progress towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;[37] and requested to possibly expand the list, for example with indicators regarding cybersecurity;

(d) Expressed support for the continuation of the work of the Partnership.

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Big data

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Welcomed the report of the Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics,[38] congratulated the Global Working Group on the progress made regarding the United Nations Global Platform, the regional hubs and the active collaboration in the area of new data sources, methods and training, and especially thanked the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Statistics Division for their efforts in that regard;

(b) Endorsed the United Nations Global Platform as a collaborative environment for data innovation by the global statistical community and all its partners, including a broad spectrum of stakeholder communities;

(c) Endorsed the governance structure and business model of the United Nations Global Platform presented under the overall auspices of the Commission, while requesting further work on the funding aspects of the business model, requesting coordination of the activities of the regional hubs with those of existing initiatives at the regional level and requesting regular reporting to the Commission, especially on the activities of the regional hubs;

(d) Supported the planned data solutions projects and methodological guidance on the United Nations Global Platform through the Global Working Group task teams, and requested that the Global Working Group focus on developing guidance for the harmonization of methods and the development of appropriate quality assurance frameworks for the use of big data for official statistics and Sustainable Development Goal indicators, in conformity with national laws and regulations;

(e) Supported the delivery of the envisioned training programme at scale by the Global Working Group and the United Nations Global Platform on topics related to big data and data science for the purpose of developing necessary capacity in statistical institutes, while requesting that other stakeholder communities also be included in the training initiative;

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[37] General Assembly resolution 70/1.
[38] E/CN.3/2020/24.

(f)   Urged the United Nations Global Platform network, including the global statistical community, the private sector, civil society and academia, to promote and mobilize resources and support for the Global Platform and for the related training activities.

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Integration of statistical and geospatial information

The Statistical Commission:

(a)   Welcomed the report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information,[39] and commended the Expert Group on its significant body of work to advance the development and completion of a global statistical geospatial framework so that there is increased information available to support social, economic and environmental policy and decision-making, including at the regional, national and subnational levels;

(b)   Noted the increasing relevance of and need for the integration of statistical and geospatial information as an important bridge to enable the production of harmonized, standardized and integrated, geospatially enabled statistical data to facilitate data-driven decision-making, in particular with regard to the implementation of the 2020 round of population censuses and the Sustainable Development Goals;

(c)   Endorsed the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework, as adopted by the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management in its decision 9/106 of 9 August 2019, and welcomed its adoption and implementation by Member States as a result of a broad and inclusive global consultation process;

(d)   Encouraged Member States to continue to implement the Framework and, in that regard, called for increased institutional coordination and collaboration between national statistical and geospatial agencies and other relevant stakeholders, especially in developing countries, to ensure more targeted interventions on, and informed understanding of, socioeconomic data within a geospatial context;

(e)   Noted the revised terms of reference of the Expert Group and its workplan for the period 2020–2022, and welcomed its continuing efforts to provide guidance to Member States to support the adoption and implementation of the Framework, including continuing the development of key statistical standards and processes to strengthen the integration of statistical and geospatial information.

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Open data

The Statistical Commission:

(a)   Welcomed the report of the Working Group on Open Data,[40] and expressed appreciation for the work of the Group;

(b)   Welcomed the proposed guidance on the application of the principle that data are open, by default, in the context of official statistics, including open data licences as a priority in the pursuance of open data, and requested its further development and clarification in relation to the Fundamental Principles of Official

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[39] E/CN.3/2020/25.
[40] E/CN.3/2020/26.