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Dear Mr. Cheung,

The OECD welcomes the set of Principles governing statistical activities in International Organisations developed by the Committee for Co-ordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA). The new principles usefully complement the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (FP) and can contribute to the development of the international statistical system.

In 2003 the OECD established its "Core values" for statistical activities, based on the FP. As Chief Statistician I am glad to inform you that the Organisation will now adapt its "Core values", as well as its "Quality Framework and Guidelines for OECD statistics", to take into account the new set of Principles. Moreover, the OECD will review its statistical procedures to make them more coherent with the new set of Principles.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Enrico Giovannini'.

Enrico Giovannini