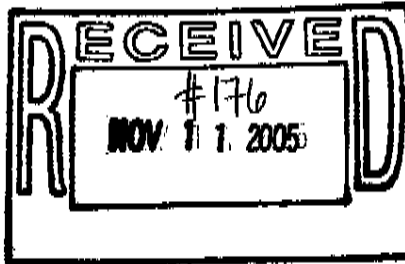


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Dear Mr. Cheung,

Further to the endorsement of the principles governing professional activities in international agencies by the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities held on 14 September 2005, it is a pleasure to confirm that I fully subscribe to these principles.

In my capacity of Head, Central Statistics and Information Retrieval Branch, I express my professional commitment towards applying these above principles in the work of the Branch, and promote them to the other divisions in UNCTAD carrying out statistical activities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henri Laurencin", written over a horizontal line.

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