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50/106 National quality assurance frameworks

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Welcomed the report of the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks,⁹ and expressed its appreciation to the Expert Group for its work over the last two years;

(b) Took note of the results of the survey on the implementation of national quality assurance frameworks and the fact that many countries have yet to implement a national quality assurance framework;

(c) Welcomed and adopted the United Nations national quality assurance frameworks manual for official statistics and the recommendations contained therein;

(d) Also welcomed the manual as an important contribution in guiding countries in the implementation of a national quality assurance framework, including for new data sources, new data providers and for data and statistics for the Sustainable Development Goal indicators;

(e) Requested that the manual be made available in all United Nations official languages as soon as possible;

(f) Also requested the Expert Group to finalize the implementation guidance, taking into consideration the need for countries to conduct self-assessment;

(g) Recognized the need for coordination of the work on national quality assurance frameworks with related work on the Handbook of Statistical Organization, the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and open data;

(h) Also recognized the need for capacity-building and training for the implementation of a national quality assurance framework, and welcomed the planned initiatives to support countries, through means such as the establishment of an expert forum, advocacy and the sharing of good practices, training materials and tools;

(i) Welcomed and endorsed the proposed programme of work of the Expert Group for the next two years and its updated terms of reference, and requested it to expand its membership.

50/107 Regional statistical development

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Welcomed the comprehensive report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on statistical development in Asia and the Pacific,¹⁰ and commended the Asia-Pacific countries, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, regional bodies and other development partners, funds and agencies on the significant work undertaken in support of statistical coordination and development in the region;

(b) Noted the work of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific in providing statistical training to strengthen regional statistical capacity development;

(c) Expressed appreciation for the leading role of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in support of tools and methodological

⁹ E/CN.3/2019/6.

¹⁰ E/CN.3/2019/7.