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Dear Colleagues,

### Questionnaire on the implementation of quality assurance

In March 2019, the United Nations Statistical Commission adopted the United Nations National Quality Assurance Frameworks Manual for Official Statistics (Manual<sup>1</sup>), including the recommendations contained therein (Decision 50/106<sup>2</sup>). The development of the Manual greatly benefitted from a country survey conducted in 2017 by the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks.<sup>3</sup> The survey showed that many countries had yet to implement a national quality assurance framework (NQAF). The Statistical Commission at its 52nd session in March 2021 tasked the Expert Group to conduct a follow-up survey to assess progress in the implementation of national quality assurance frameworks by national statistical systems.

In this regard, I invite your office to participate in the survey on the implementation of quality assurance that was developed by the Expert Group. I further invite you to share information on your national practices as indicated in the enclosed questionnaire. Please complete the survey on behalf of the whole national statistical system (NSS)<sup>4</sup> and submit your response by **30 September 2022** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NQAF2022>. The questionnaire is also available in French and Spanish.<sup>5</sup>

The results of the survey will inform the Commission about the status of implementation of quality assurance in countries, and materials shared will be used to update the repository of quality assurance practices.<sup>6</sup>

For any questions regarding this questionnaire, or any difficulties in completing it, please contact Mr. Yuxi Zhang ([yuxi.zhang@un.org](mailto:yuxi.zhang@un.org)).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/un-nqaf-manual/>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/decisions-ref/?code=50/106>.

<sup>3</sup> The results of the survey are available here: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/50th-session/documents/BG-Item3d-NQAF-E.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> If you are not in position to complete this survey, please forward this survey to the organization that is responsible for the coordination of your NSS and can complete this survey. Please note, that there should be only one response per country.

<sup>5</sup> [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/nqaf\\_survey\\_2022](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/nqaf_survey_2022).

<sup>6</sup> Available at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/quality-references/>.

I also have the great pleasure to alert you about the availability of an introductory e-learning module for quality assurance.<sup>7</sup> Also, a Roadmap for the implementation of an NQAF has been released by the Expert Group for review and “testing”. Your feedback on this draft Roadmap will be much welcome.<sup>8</sup>

I am grateful for your support and cooperation in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>7</sup> Available at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/e\\_learning/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/e_learning/).

<sup>8</sup> Available at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/roadmap>.