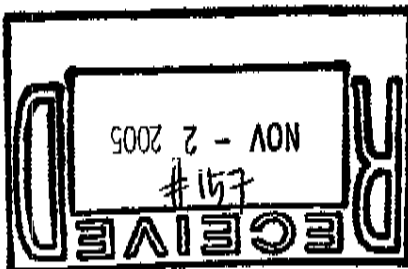


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Dear Mr. Cheung,

I am pleased to receive your fax of 25 October 2005 with the final version of set of principles to guide professional work in international statistics. We appreciate the valuable efforts put in by the Chief Statisticians and principal coordinators of statistical activities in the UN agencies and related organizations. We in ADB offer the same commitment to apply these principles and practices in our work in accordance with current UN Regulations and Rules and other administrative issuances.

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