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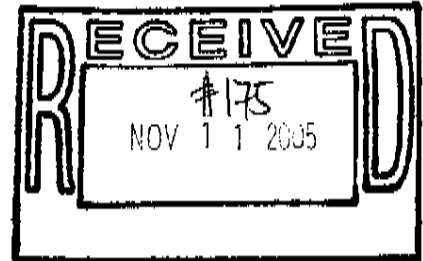
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Dear Mr Cheung,

Principles governing international statistical activities

Thank you for your fax STAT 531 of 25 October on the above inviting ESCAP to commit its secretariat to the above principles.

After consulting with the Executive Secretary, I am pleased to confirm ESCAP's commitment to the Principles. We will be reviewing, in due course, their detailed implications for our statistical activities.

Thank you for spearheading this important initiative for the Organization.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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