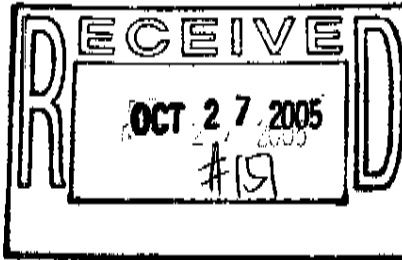


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Dear Dr. Cheung,

Many thanks for your fax of October 25 announcing the endorsement of the "Principles Governing International Statistical Activities". I congratulate you and your colleagues for your efforts to realise this important document.

I will convey this document to the 'ISI Professional Ethics Committee', an ISI Committee presently considering the advisability of updating the ISI's 'Declaration of Professional Ethics'. As you know, the ISI welcomes the development of standards that clarify good international practice, and would hope that the early adoption of standards by the UN was followed by their acceptance from other international bodies whose work has a significant impact on the organisation of official statistics around the world".

Sincerely,

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