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Dear Mr Cheung,

I am pleased to inform you that I, in my capacity as Acting Director of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), along with the senior management team of the UIS endorse the Principles Governing International Statistical Activities formulated by the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA).

I would also like to inform you that this issue was put on the agenda at the annual Governing Board Meeting of the UIS at its 7th Session that took place in November 2005 in Montreal. In its decisions, the Board invited the Director not only to endorse these principles but also to bring them to the attention of UNESCO senior management in order to seek the support of the broader UNESCO. We are currently in the process of doing so.

Please be assured that the UNESCO Institute for Statistics is committed to applying the principles in our work to the extent possible, in accordance with current UIS rules and regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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