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Dear Mr. Cheung,

In my capacity as director of the Statistical Division, I have the pleasure to fully subscribe to the Principles Governing International Statistical Activities that you sent on 25 October. In doing so, I commit myself that the activities of the division will be carried out in line with these principles.

This new set of principles is an essential and welcome complement to the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, which are meant to be applicable in national systems of official statistics.

After the expected endorsement by the Statistical Commission of this new set of principles, I intend to start an approval process by the relevant bodies of the Economic Commission for Europe. In parallel, I will promote these principles with the other divisions in ECE that carry out statistical activities.

Yours sincerely,

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