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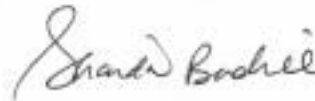
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Mr. Paul Cheung  
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Dear Paul,

We in the Development Data Group of the World Bank support the statement of Principles Governing International Statistical Activities recently endorsed by the Coordinating Committee on Statistical Activities. This statement fulfills an important commitment made under the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics. I am taking the necessary steps to familiarize our staff with the principles and will use them to guide our work to the extent possible given the rules and procedures of the World Bank.

Yours sincerely,



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Director  
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