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## Item 3e: Quality assurance in the global statistical system

Switzerland would like to thank the United Nations Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks (EGNQAF) for the important and useful work it has carried out. In order to establish a common language and understanding of important dimensions such as quality management, it is necessary that such documents and tools are developed, revised and monitored.

Switzerland fully supports the proposed work programme of the EGNQAF and approves the updated terms of reference.

## Item 3f: Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

Switzerland would like to extend its thanks for the work done by the Friends of the Chair (FoC). Clear guidelines (the Fundamental Principles for Official Statistics) and a means to monitor their implementation are key in order to achieve a better, more standardised and continuously improved international official statistical system.

Switzerland recommends giving the FoC the proposed mandate. As previously mentioned, it is important that the FoC takes into consideration the fact there are already some evaluation mechanisms in place, for instance the European Statistical System (ESS) Peer Review for European countries, to thus avoid redundancy.

### Item 3i: Statistics of drugs and drug use

Switzerland supports the various measures (a to g) proposed by the Commission. Switzerland has delivered data on drugs for many years and therefore has access to high-quality national statistics in this area, both regarding police reports and convictions.

Switzerland may consequently nominate a competent authority to assume a central role as required. Nonetheless, national coordination with other offices involved such as Swiss Federal Office of Police, Swiss Federal Office of Public Health or universities should be organised in order to put in place various measures, particularly as regards the “Road Map”.