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Report on the work for the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals

Turkey welcomes UNSD's detailed works on the global level reporting of SDGs indicators. It requires a coordination task of actors, without a doubt in the most complex global statistical data flow structure. As a general perspective under SDGs framework, the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) supports a vision of best possible collaboration practices among international organisations lead by UNSD and national statistical offices especially of the ones with a national reporting platform. This collaboration bears the possibility to mutually enrich the global reporting process and national reporting capabilities of NSOs, related but not limited to SDGs.

Regarding the recommendations and guidelines, TurkStat has not had a chance to receive this background document as of mid-February. But on the matters of providing guidance to NSOs, TurkStat is substantially benefiting from the UN organisations, especially from the lively statistical activities under UNECE and hope to contribute to these efforts. On the matters of federated system of data hubs, TurkStat would like to receive more information on efforts of UNSD and also of IAEG SDGs Working Group on Geo-spatial Information, in order to circulate these works amongst subject matter experts within TurkStat and in other national organisations.

As for the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training, TurkStat welcomes the effort on accumulation of expertise, coordinating the needs of NSOs with this accumulation and the effective use of modern education technologies. TurkStat hopes to collaborate with the works of this structure. Concerning the efforts of UNSD's work for Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST), TurkStat expects that UNSD will take into consideration of different regions' and countries' experiences and needs on the issues of SDGs related technical capacity development. TurkStat contributed to reporting of UNECE's 2017 Survey on "NSOs' strategies and plans related to statistics for SDGs" and solely working on how to develop statistical capacity concerning the SDGs. Having studied this issue before, TurkStat is ready to cooperate with UNSD regarding the establishment and work plan of GIST.