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STATEMENT OF TURKEY

Report of the High Level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Turkey is inspired and pleased by the considerable efforts put by High Level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This report is also enlightening on the future plans of the Group.

Multi-stakeholder exchanges will be valuable. In this regard, the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) supports the partnership between HLG and IAEG. TurkStat agrees on the proposed revision to the terms of reference of the Joint HLG/IAEG subgroup.

In order to comment on the idea of creating the position of the Chief Statistician of the United Nations, there should be a clear Terms of Reference defining the specific roles and duties expected from this position. The mechanism for contribution of the Commission to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) would be valuable.

Turkey approves the proposed work plan of the HLG-PCCB for 2018.