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STATEMENT OF TURKEY

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

Turkey appreciates UNSD's challenging role in a very complex data flow structure. In this structure we would like to emphasize the three critical aspects of SDGs that are inherent: issues on data flows, issues on statistical capacity development of countries and last but not least, how to best communicate highly disaggregated and policy related data. On all these topics, international agencies and NSOs are highly in need of each other as stated. However the effectiveness and efficiency of this collaboration needs to be enhanced. We observed specific evidence in nowadays (especially regarding the data flows of SDGs indicators) that coordination role of NSOs within the country are vital and we need a global design that is much more open to NSOs' feedbacks filtered from these coordination efforts.

Regarding the efforts of UNSD's work for Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST), we gladly acknowledge the purpose and the two year work plan of GIST. We hope that UNSD will take into consideration of different regions' and countries' experiences and demands on the issues of SDGs related technical capacity development. We have 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, we will warmly welcome a chance to cooperate with UNSD regarding the establishment and work plan of GIST.