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Items for discussion and decision**

## **STATEMENT OF TURKEY**

### **Handbook of Statistical Organization**

Turkey would like to thank UNSD for the important and useful work that it has carried out during 2017 and will continue during 2018 on the revision of the Handbook of Statistical Organisation.

*a. Comment on the proposed structure and content of the updated Handbook and express its views on chapters to be drafted as a priority;*

Turkey's proposals for the inclusion of some items to the content of the Handbook referred by the chapter numbers are as below:

- 5.5.1. Internal decision-making bodies: "Establishing internal auditing and internal control system" could be mentioned.
- 5.9. Relevance to Other Producers of Official Statistics: "Promoting statistical literacy among stakeholders" could be included.
- 8.3.1. Types of administrative data: "Education data" could be included.
- 8.3.4. Processing administrative data: "Methods to use the administrative data for statistical purpose" could be mentioned.
- 11.7.1. Statistical Policies: "Revision policy", "Information Technology policy" and "Policy for intervening in misuse or misinterpretation of official statistics" should be covered by the Handbook.
- 14. IT Management: Mentioning on "Developing user friendly web site" and "Universal web content accessibility guidelines" will be useful under this headline.
- 16.5.3. "Coordination of technical cooperation activities among international organizations and donor NSO's." could be included to mention avoiding the duplication of effort regarding the donor activities.

In addition, Turkey proposes that the Generic Law on Official Statistics (GLOS) developed jointly by UNECE, Eurostat and EFTA can be referred as a reference legislation model to strengthen the legal basis of statistical systems, support the production of high quality official statistics and modernize statistical systems.

Regarding the chapters to be drafted as a priority, Turkey agrees on the priority topics suggested in the document. In addition, Turkey proposes that "chapter 3 on Legislative frameworks" could be included as one of the priority topics since the legislation is the basis for maintaining a properly structured statistical organization and statistical systems.

*b. Express its views on the organisation of the drafting procedure and consultation mechanisms;*

Turkey agrees on the organisation of the drafting procedure and consultation mechanisms mentioned in the report including the establishment of the Advisory Group. Also, we support the organization of thematic conferences at regional level for senior statisticians to consider recent institutional, organizational and technical developments addressing prospective challenges and opportunities.

***c. Comment on the proposal to have the updated Handbook on and interactive web platform targeting chief statisticians and senior managers of statistical organizations complemented with a printed publication of the overview chapter (chapter 2) for a broader audience within and outside the National Statistical System.***

Turkey supports the proposal on the interactive web platform targeting chief statisticians and senior managers of statistical organizations complemented with a printed publication of the overview chapter (chapter 2) for a broader audience within and outside the National Statistical System.

Our opinion is that there is a need to develop the approaches for awareness-raising in order to encourage the NSOs to use the Handbook. We believe that this interactive web platform can contribute to the raising public awareness on the Handbook.

To promote the awareness for the Handbook, UN Secretariat could also send the reminder letter/messages at regular intervals to the NSOs to encourage them for sharing their views, contributions on this web platform or just reaching the most-updated version of the Handbook.