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STATEMENT OF TURKEY

OPEN DATA

Turkey would like to thank to all contributors of the open data works.

We agree on the recommendations contained in section V as a basis to carry out the work forward.

Moreover, integrating data from different sources is another key point. To achieve bringing different data sets together we should make detailed work on determining common standards. Implementation of open data into national system cannot be achieved alone. There should be exchange of views among stakeholders, so decisions should be taken in common sense.

Regarding the establishment of a mechanism within the UN Statistical Commission to work on principle, guidance and support for implementation of open data in countries, the existence of such a subgroup will be helpful to meet on common ground for all countries; especially the ones with less experience on open data.

As for the proposed tasks of the subgroup on open data, the proposed tasks of the subgroup are pointed on the right direction. Developing recommendations for NSIs will help to bring all of them to a common ground on the details of the subject.

Every country has different legal problems. For this reason, review of different country experiences and best practices will be enlightening. In our opinion, providing guidance on technical aspect for implementation of open data by means of practical solutions and best practices rather than a theoretical work will be much more effective.

Anonymization is indispensable to meet the privacy concerns of the data providers. So it should be assessed in details.

Finally, a separate guideline may be developed by the subgroup, about metadata standardization which is one of the most important stages of open data.