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STATEMENT OF TURKEY

REPORT OF THE WORLD BANK ON INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON PROGRAMME

Turkey would like to thank the World Bank for the important and useful work it has carried out.

First of all, it is very good to see that further activities and researches still continue for International Comparison Programme (ICP) 2017 which is very important tool to understand “the real size of the World economy”.

Ongoing interim activities and regional activities would be very useful to get more robust and reliable global PPP results. Stronger data sources and regions would be bringing more success for overall ICP 2017 results.

Secondly, by reason of being the largest statistical partnership in the world, facing risks and problems is highly possible. Making more countries integrate the Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) studies into their regular work programmes is one of the key formulations of mitigating the risks.

Not only sustainability risks, but also financial risks, country participation risks and quality risks would be less problematic if the Programme has more countries that have regular PPP studies.