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**Item 3(a): Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

**Report of the IAEG on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (E/CN.3/2019/2)**

**Mr. Chair**

Samoa would like to thank the contribution of pilot countries on **Best practices for SDG data flows and reporting.**

We support the documentation about the Role of Custodian/ International Agencies, the Role of Member States as well as the role of National Statistical Offices with the emphasis on adherence to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. *We would also like to emphasize in particular that “donor agencies” must equally adhere to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics to avoid data discrepancies.*

**Mr. Chair**

We note with appreciation the work done on the **Guiding principles and Criteria for the 2020 comprehensive review of the SDG** indicators. However, from the Pacific SIDs perspective, we note that of the 44 SDG indicators which are still in Tier III, 10 are core indicators which must measure the impact of unsustainable developments on our main sources of livelihood namely the **Oceans and the Environment**. Noting that there is a possibility of removal of the 10 Pacific indicators if there is no progress in due course, *we would like to request the Custodian agencies to prioritize the following Tier III indicators in their next line of work so that the Pacific SIDs will not be left behind. The Tier III indicators are:*

**Goal 12:** Indicators: 12.4.2; 12.5.1 and 12.b.1

**Goal 13:** Indicators: 13.2.1; 13.3.1, 13.a.1 and 13.b.1.

**Goal 14:** Indicators 14.1.1; 14.2.1 and 14.7.1

**Mr. Chair**

We appreciate the important work on the **Background document on Data disaggregation and interlinkages**. It highlights the importance of a holistic approach via the integration of statistics into the development of national policies, planning, implementation and budget.

Samoa highly recommends the report to Member States who have yet to conduct a Mapping Exercise of the SDG goals and indicators to their national priorities.