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ITEM	Report of the Friends of the Chair Group on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and on Open data
POINT OF DISCUSSION:	<p>(a) To express its views on the document containing the <u>results of the global survey on self-assessment</u> by countries on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles and on open data;</p> <p>(b) To express its views on the document on data interoperability and open data entitled "<u>Data interoperability: a practitioner's guide to joining up data in the development sector</u>";</p> <p>(c) To review and approve the document <u>supplementing the guidelines for the implementation of the Fundamental Principles</u>;</p> <p>(d) To review and approve the document on the <u>implementation of open data</u>;</p> <p>(e) To review and approve the proposal to consider the work of the Friends of the Chair group concluded for the present round, but to be resumed in time for the next appraisal, in 2024, and for a working group to be established in order to continue the work on open data, which would present its work at the fifty-first session of the Commission and every two years thereafter.</p>
MALAYSIA'S FEEDBACK	
<p>Thank you Mr/Madame Honorable chair, Ladies and Gentlemen.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Malaysia would like to share our views on agenda item 3 (b) and 3(c) on the Report of the Friends of the Chair (FOC) Group on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and Open data. 2. Malaysia as a member of the group would like to extend our appreciation and congratulations to the members for completing the task within the stipulated timeline. All the members have contributed their best practices, case studies, peer reviews has been conducted under the national projects to develop the background documents on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and Open data. As Malaysia has shared its input for both work stream of FOC, namely: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Participate in the self-assessment of the implementation of the Fundamental Principles questionnaire in 2018; (ii) ASEAN Code of Practice (CoP) which was developed based on the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (UNSC 1994) in 2012 and the results of the self-assessment in the implementation of FPOS by the AMS; and (iii) The guideline and Malaysia's experiences in the implementation of Open data; 	

3. Based on the input of the country practices, the group has produced 3 main comprehensive background documents which is include:
- i. The result of the self -assessment of the implementation of the Fundamental Principles questionnaire, followed by peer -review case studies on their implementation;
 - ii. Supplementing existing implementation guidelines, including the application of the Fundamental Principles for non -official and non-traditional data; and
 - iii. The implementation of open data by providing a synthesis of existing open data work covering data interoperability, the implementation of open data practices and the anonymization of data for official statistics.
4. We hope that the supporting document will serve as a guideline for the NSOs and NSS in producing the reliable, coherent, accuracy, comparability and transparency within the framework of FPOS.
5. **Malaysia fully supports the group's recommendation to conclude FPOS work stream at the 50th UNSC and sustained it in the next study in 2021 in line with the 30th anniversary of the adoption of FPOS.** We believe that the sustainability of the FPOS assessment every 5 years will help UNSD monitor the implementation of Fundamental Principles in the UN Member States, detecting best practices and those requiring assistance. It will help UNSD provide practical experience/examples to enhance the implementation of FPOS and to improve these guidelines in line with current global developments. The progress will be strengthening the implementation of the Fundamental Principles, based on good practices developed at the national and regional levels, and in ensuring the full independence of national statistical systems.
6. **We also agreeable to the suggestion to establish a working group on open data to work further to support the 2030 agenda implementation and invites the statistical communities and international open data as members.** Malaysia is interested to join the working group and commits to providing the input based on our best practices and experiences in the implementation of open data. Department of Statistics, Malaysia is the main data providers in the Malaysian Open Data Portal (data.gov.my). It is a one-service-centre for citizen to access and download Government open datasets online.

Thank You Mr/Madame Chair.