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43- Para c) Using administrative data for statistical purposes is a significant step for modernization and improvement of statistics quality and reduces the response burden as well as the costs of traditional surveys. In this connection, It is suggested that an index / indices for comparison and assessment of the countries be developed and the countries be assessed once every several years in terms of statistical modernization.

43- Para e) After the outbreak of the COVID 19 at the end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020, Global 43- Para f) Network of Statistics Training entered a new area. Appropriate online trainings were presented by international organizations and statistical centres and these trainings play a significant role in *the development* of statistics. Developing software packages for better and dynamic training and encouraging NSOs to attend these training courses will be useful.

Establishing a Global Network to share knowledge and information among experts of NSOs is a significant step for sharing knowledge, experiences, and best practices. For example, experts of *Labour* Force Survey (LFS) in NSOs can share their knowledge and experience through the Global Network and contribute to the improvement of quality of LFS throughout the world.

43- Para g ) Implementing statistical surveys for measuring socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by NSOs, aiming to measure the impacts of the disease on business, social relations, and changes in lifestyle, can provide the policy-makers and planners with clear pictures of the society and policy recommendations.

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