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Ireland welcomes the report of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and appreciates the work done by the Group on the implementation of the global indicator framework.

Ireland agrees with the proposed annual refinements presented in the Annex of the report and supports its proposed work programme for 2021.

We also welcome the creation of the metadata sub-group in order to improve the overall quality of metadata for the Goal indicators and facilitate better implementation of the indicators for countries and for data transmission.

We welcome the continued work stream on data disaggregation and recommend the Group further compile and develop tools and resources for countries.

Ireland encourages the Group to further incorporate data innovation in its work, particularly in the area of integrating statistical and geospatial information, as a crucial innovation that can help countries fulfil the ambition of the 2030 Agenda. Moreover, as a co-Chair of the Working Group on Geospatial Information, we would like to inform the Commission that the working group is developing the “SDGs Geospatial Roadmap”, as a practical guide for countries to harness the transformational potential that geospatial information can bring to the SDGs.

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