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Japan welcomes the formation of the sub-group on metadata and the IAEG-SDGs review of the procedures for metadata updates submitted by custodian agencies. We hope that the quality and version control of the metadata will be improved through the activities of the sub-group on metadata.

Japan, as a member country, would also like to continue contributing to the IAEG-SDGs in its task of reviewing methodological developments and issues related to the indicators and their metadata.

Japan appreciates the efforts of the Working Group on Measurement of Development Support. In order to achieve the SDGs, it is essential to capture development finances other than ODA, including emerging donors, as the importance of finances beyond traditional ODA is increasing.

We hope that the efforts of the working group will lead to concrete actions of data collection.

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