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Statement:
a) Malaysia acknowledged the work carried out by the Statistics Division in cooperation with the United Nations system and its proposed programme of work, i.e. progress report for 2020, SDG Database, work programme for IAEG-SDG and technical assistance activities. Malaysia will include the impact of COVID-19 on SDG indicators for Malaysia in our next SDG Indicators Report, 2020. Malaysia also in the midst of preparing Voluntary National Review 2021 and the theme is Sustainable and Resilient Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Malaysia has developed the mock up system (SDG Dashboard); National SDG Progress Monitoring System with full support from United Nations Country Team (UNCT). The SDG dashboard can be accessed via http://mysdg.dosm.gov.my/. Malaysia has conducted data gap analysis with United Nations Country Team (UNCT) and 33 indicators has been identified to be develop with the technical assistance from UN. b) Malaysia also acknowledged the Data for Now initiative to streamline production and dissemination of better, more timely and disaggregated data on key areas related to specific sustainable development goals. c) Malaysia endorsed the launch of collaborative on use of administrative data for statistical purposes as a response to more timely and disaggregated data. Malaysia relies heavily on the use of administrative data (82%) as the main source for SDG Indicators Report. Based on the availability of indicators assessment, the crucial areas that Malaysia needs for further improvement and technical assistance are environment particularly waste management and climate action as well as public safety related goals. d) Federated Information System of national and global data hubs provide a platform for countries to access SDG Data in time series and visualization data. Countries can compare the performance with other countries as well as download the data set. e) The Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training via UN SDG Learn provides opportunity to countries to enhance SDG literacy by multiple material i.e. e-books, webinar, SDG Dashboard and e-learning courses. Malaysia will utilised the information provided in order to enhance the SDG indicators development.

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f)	Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians using Yammer platform enables statistician around the world to connect with each other and share the work/best practices and gain comments and feedback from the members of the statistician community.
g)	Malaysia has participated in the first round of the survey and has provided input regarding the impact of COVID-19 on Population and Housing Census 2020. Besides the challenges, COVID-19 also provide the opportunity such as usage of administrative data as basic data on population and data quality control; usage of analytic technology (i.e google maps) and train model for machine learning; and extensive usage of online platform (i.e e-Census and CATI).

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