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We thank the honorable Secretary-General for his comprehensive report on work for the review of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Philippines expresses its full support in endorsing the launch of the collaborative on the use of administrative data for statistical purposes. For our part, we have started work on utilizing citizen-generated data to fill gaps in the official reporting on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and on other national priorities and developed guidelines and mechanisms for the Registers and Administrative Reporting System (RARS) with the goal of harmonizing administrative forms and registers.

The Philippines expresses its desire to be a member of the collaborative on administrative data on either Task Team 1: Institutional framework, coordination and partnerships or Task team 2: Data management and standardization. This is for us to further learn from the experiences of our co-member states and other development partners as well as to improve our current initiatives on the citizen-generated data (CGD) project and our initial efforts in the use of administrative data. If given this opportunity, we may also share our initial efforts on CGD and administrative data for official statistics.

Collaborations with international statistical community/organizations are of utmost importance in the implementation of the Philippines' undertakings on big data, data ecosystem, and CGD. These can be through a) participation in trainings/workshops/seminars offered by international organizations to learn more about the strategies they adopt; and b) sharing other countries' experiences and best practices on big data analytics and its management.

The Philippines also supports the Statistics Division and the World Bank for its initiative in launching the global online survey to monitor the impact of the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on national statistical offices (NSOs), which we are glad to have been a part of during the 2nd and 3rd survey rounds. We expect that the output of the survey will inform and provide direction in the allocation of immediate and much needed support to NSOs whose operations are greatly affected by the pandemic.

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