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In the time of the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, it is more crucial to provide timely and accurate disaggregated data not only to achieve the 2030 Agenda but also to strengthen the response to the global crisis. In this light, the Philippines, through the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), highly commends the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal (IAEG-SDG) Indicators for its increased efforts during this time of pandemic to focus on selected topics related to SDG monitoring. As a former co-chair of the IAEG-SDG, we are well aware of the mandate of the Expert Group and the importance of its work as the leading entity in the development and implementation of the global indicator framework. We took note of the importance of the evaluation of high-impact indicators due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and anticipate the release of the final list. In addition, we look forward to the development of the global monitoring and reporting structures towards the use of statistical data and metadata exchange (SDMX) as an advantage to further promote the importance of a standard reporting system that will ease the process of SDG monitoring for national statistics offices (NSOs) like the PSA. We hope to be able to participate in capacity-building activities in using SDMX for SDG monitoring. The Philippines endorses the annual refinement of indicators as these are more specific and clearer. Likewise, we also fully support the work programme of the Group for 2021 and appreciate the continuous guidance of the Group which is crucial in the efforts of NSOs in SDG monitoring. This is particularly useful for the Philippines this year, as the country will embark on the review and updating of the list of SDG indicators being monitored in the country.

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