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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Argentina - National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC)	
<i>Statement:</i> Argentina appreciates the work accomplished by the United Nations Statistics Division on Data Stewardship, the exchanges carried out and the case studies collected worldwide, which resulted in the paper presented as a "background document" called "Approaches to data stewardship". It also stresses the importance of the issue at global and regional levels, and the need to define concepts that can be adapted to the different realities and that take into consideration the different starting points of each country. We consider that the implementation of a data stewardship approach will allow NSOs to introduce a quality leap that will assure a more efficient statistical production, given that it will save resources through, for example, the use of administrative records and other alternative data sources, enabling at the same time the reuse of these data in other statistical operations. On the other hand, it will allow the adoption of new methodologies, for example, the possibility of carrying out a combined population censuses, through statistical population records made from administrative records. In this framework, the NSOs will also become technical referents of the national data ecosystems, in relation to the standardization of administrative records and the processing and analysis of big data for statistical purposes. We hope to continue participating and broadening spaces for exchange and cooperation on this topic, and for this reason we support the creation of a Data Stewardship working group within the Commission, in accordance with the terms of reference presented in Annex IV of the document under the item 3a (E/CN.3/2021/4) of the agenda. Furthermore, we would like to express our interest in becoming a member of the mentioned working group.	
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