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<i>Statement provided by:</i> CANADA	
<i>Statement:</i> Canada commends the work of the IAEG-SDG and is happy the work plan of the group now focusses on the domestic implementation of the global indicators. Data disaggregation for the SDGs is critical to be able to understand and monitor progress for the most vulnerable groups and the work of the IAEG in developing data disaggregation practical guide and a compilation of tools to help countries address the data disaggregation challenges. COVID-19 has had a significant affect on society and the economy and the background document related to COVID19 and the SDG indicators is a useful starting point for countries looking to examine indicators or undertake ad-hoc collection activities in areas that might have been highly impacted by the pandemic to better understand the impact of the pandemic on the achievement of the goals. Well-written and comprehensive metadata are key for countries to be able to prepare the statistics for the SDG indicators. Canada applauds the creation of the metadata workstream that has been created to improve metadata and address the coherence and consistency of metadata for the SDGs. We also note that much work has been done related to data flows based upon the data flows guidelines created by the IAEG and CCSA. We encourage continued communication between the IAEG and custodian agencies and further refinement of tools to enable more comprehensive reporting and better validation of SDGs. (See also statement by Denmark on behalf of Canada and other countries).	
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