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Unofficial translation:

(1) In the past year, the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) has overcome the impact of the Covid-19 epidemic and carried out fruitful work by organizing video conferences and other forms. As a member of the HLP-PCCB, the National Bureau of Statistics of China participated in four video conferences held by the HLP-PCCB during 2020. We would like to thank and pay tribute to the IAEG-SDGs for their work and congratulate them on their achievements.

(2) We highly appreciate the background documents provided by the IAEG-SDGs, including “*COVID-19 and the global SDG indicators*”, “*Practical guidebook on data disaggregation for the SDGs*”, and “*Compilation of tools and resources for data disaggregation*”. In particular, “*COVID-19 and the global SDG indicators*” evaluated the impact of the current epidemic on the global SDG monitoring process and guided for countries to analyze and determine how to form and promote a new path for SDG surveillance in this new situation.

(3) We have carefully studied the nine annual improvements to the Global Indicator Framework and believe that these improvements have significantly improved the comprehensiveness, accuracy, and operability of the original indicators and are conducive to obtaining more accurate and comparable SDG data for high-quality monitoring and analysis of the SDGs. We agree with the relevant content of the nine annual improvements.

(4) We agree in principle to the proposed working programme of IAEG-SDGs for 2021. In order to better promote the implementation of statistical monitoring of the SDG, in 2020, we have carried out the Chinese translation of key sustainable development documents and metadata. As a member of the Working Group on Measurement of Development Support, we have been involved in a lot of work over the past year. We have cooperated closely with the Ministry of Commerce and the China International Development Cooperation Agency to participate in discussions at the working group level and in the sub-group on South-South cooperation to share our experiences and views more deeply on South-South cooperation statistics. Going forward, we will continue to perform our duties, actively participate in the work of the Working Group, and continue to work towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

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