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Malta takes note of the work conducted by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators, and also the efforts by the custodian agencies to facilitate the collection of data. However, the timings and intensity of data requests put small NSIs in difficult situations. In the best-case scenario, prioritization of data requests would be possible however at the worst-case scenario a number of questionnaires are not addressed. Ideally, custodian agencies should disperse requests throughout the entire year rather than concentrating all requests through a couple of months. This challenge is sometimes augmented by the lack of proper communication through the established focal points.

Moreover, Malta appreciates the background document with the list of SDG indicators most relevant to the pandemic and also supports the annual refinements as proposed in the annex..

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