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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Mr. Geir Axelsen, Director General, Statistics Norway	
<i>Statement:</i> Norway commends the IAEG-SDG for the substantial work undertaken in 2020. The initiative to streamline data and metadata exchange is important. We do nevertheless support the issues brought up by Denmark in its statement to this agenda item about data flows. Norway would encourage to continue the dialogue on how to further enhance and streamline data reporting for SDG indicators.  Norway takes note of the documents prepared by the IAEG-SDG and find these useful when working with further developing the national reporting platform and in preparation for a VNR from Norway in 2021.  Norway approves the adoption of the annual refinements as well as the proposed programme of work for the IAEG-SDG. As co-chair for the Working Group on Measurement of Development Support, requested by The Statistical Commission at its fifty-first session and set up by the IAEG-SDGs, we are committed to work towards a proposal for an indicator (or indicators) for SDG target 17.3 to the IAEG-SDGs in the fall 2021. We would emphasize the objective of the Working Group to develop a proposal that meets the requirements and finds wide support.	
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