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Statement:

a) INEC Ecuador, takes note of the work carried out by the Statistics Division in cooperation with the United Nations system and its draft work program, and expresses the following comments on the progress achieved:

-Ecuador supports the implementation of the work program which is an opportunity to reduce the statistical information gaps of the Sustainable Development Goals by streamlining the production and dissemination of better, more timely and disaggregated data in key areas. However, due to the generality of the program, by covering few case studies, a comprehensive linkage of these initiatives to local contexts is not possible. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the institutional difficulties of some countries in the region to continue with the generation of data for the Sustainable Development Goals and to feed the global database, despite implementing the strategies worked on through the exchange of experiences and other proposals. In this sense, with emphasis on the need to work with data providers and main users through the national statistical system, it is required to work on strategies that should be developed according to regional realities with the establishment of technical assistance to generate the necessary institutional capacity to be able to face the recently identified challenges.

- In alignment with the progress report on the 2030 Agenda, Ecuador has planned to include in the construction of Volume III of the Statistical Development Plan for the SDGs a section presenting the challenges faced by the SEN and INEC in the face of the COVID -19 pandemic; as well as the strategies implemented to ensure the timely production and dissemination of SDG indicators.

b) INEC Ecuador expresses its interest in the Data For Now initiative, since it has a project on Small Areas Estimation, which would be directly coupled with it.

c) INEC Ecuador, expresses its support for the implementation of the collaboration on the use of administrative data for statistical purposes, since it has made it possible to initiate actions and generate networks regarding the use of administrative records for statistical purposes, based on the benefits identified within the framework of the restrictions imposed by the Pandemic.

d) INEC Ecuador considers that the creation of a federated information system could be useful from the point of view of information users; however, it suggests that the benefits that this would represent for information users be further expanded and that the importance of having an additional information site that presents a different visualization and content than the existing ones be made clear.

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e) INEC Ecuador takes note of the materials developed by the Global Network of Statistical Training Institutions and suggests the creation of a training plan that could be compiled at the regional level, based on the needs of national statistical offices.

f) INEC Ecuador considers that the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians is a useful network/platform and, therefore, has been disseminated at the national level; however, its administration implies additional work on the part of the statistical offices as coordinators of the National Statistical Systems and, therefore, its use will be gradual.

g) INEC Ecuador considers the implementation of the survey to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on national statistical offices to be very useful, since it provides a global overview of the effects suffered by statistical offices and also allows them to focus on the needs that have arisen as a result of the pandemic. INEC, through the process of self-assessment of the quality of statistical operations, included a module to identify the effects on national statistical production, an exercise that is open to be shared with our peers worldwide.

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