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Recognises the efforts made for greater transparency in the database with regards the data and methodologies used for the global reporting by accompanying the database with metadata repository;

Also recognizes that 8 countries from Asia, Latin America and Africa were able to benefit from the “Data for Now” Initiative;

Requests that in a future roll out of this initiative that CARICOM countries be considered as beneficiaries.

Expresses continued interest in the Federated Information System of national and global data hubs and notwithstanding the lack of additional resources which slowed the pace of implementation, we look forward to its roll-out in CARICOM countries in the near future.

Supports the collaboration on the use of administrative data for statistical purposes in the hope that it can achieve its intended objective of more timely and disaggregated data to inform implementation of 2030 Agenda and respond to COVID19. This initiative is also quite timely as the pandemic has affected primary data through household surveys of SDG data collection significantly;

Takes note of the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical training and that training is accessible through UN SDG: Learn.

Welcomes, in this regard (Global Network of Institutions) training in statistics, which the region believes is very important and highly relevant for CARICOM countries and which will complement the virtual CARICOM Institute for Statistical Training and Research (E-Cistar) and assist in achieving outcomes of the CARICOM Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics; as this strategy is driven by Sustainable Capacity Building, the SDGs, Gender Mainstreaming and IT infrastructure.

Recognises the great merit in the Launch of the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians as a great networking platform and would encourage our fellow CARICOM statisticians, data scientists, statistical experts, GIS experts to join etc.

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Supports the undertaking of the survey to monitor the impact of the COVID19 crisis on NSO and urges that the data collected should also be used to source funding to support NSOs most in need.

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