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The State of Palestine

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Unofficial translation:

1 - The State of Palestine took note of the distinguished efforts undertaken by the UNSD in cooperation with the United Nations system agencies, and we agree with Proposed work program.

2 - There is a fear that the “Data for Now” initiative will create a coordination gap, especially in light of the presence of a number of partners who are directly related to the initiative, and in order to benefit from this initiative, we believe that we need to announce the detailed work mechanisms and the limits of responsibilities between the various partners, and how the country can benefit from this international initiative.

3 - The State of Palestine believes that there is a lack of clarity regarding the importance of launching a cooperation body on the use of administrative data for statistical purposes, especially since there are multiple mechanisms for working and cooperating in order to use administrative data, and that would be the create a confusion in the multiplicity of bodies and relevant authorities.

4 - The State of Palestine agrees with the continued implementation of the unified information system for national and global data centers, and expects a good use of this system.

5 - The State of Palestine believes it is important to thank the global network for its efforts provided to statistical training institutions and for its achievements and the materials it has developed and created. There is a need to submit a proposal on how to implement training to ensure optimizing the use of training materials and enhancing awareness of how to benefit from them, especially from the least developed countries.

6 - The State of Palestine supports the launch of the global network for data scientists and statisticians, which is considered a good step towards enhancing communication and ensure constant updating and activation to ensure the interaction of the participants, so as to avoid a decline of interest in it.

7 - The State of Palestine considers the importance of the need to continue carrying out surveys related to monitoring the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on national statistical offices, and that there is a need to define a standard list of measurement indicators for surveys, and their inclusion in international databases.

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