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**Items for discussion and decision: coordination of statistical programmes**

**Document E/CN.3/2021/5 – Report of the Committee of Chief Statisticians of the United Nations System on coordination within the United Nations statistical system**

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Colombia	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Colombia welcomes the Report of the Committee of the Chief Statisticians of the United Nations System on coordination within the United Nations Statistical System and in this regard highlights the activities carried out to improve coordination and interoperability to support the decade of action of the Sustainable Development Goals, based on a more operational approach to existing professional networks.</p> <p>Moreover, we would like to highlight the important engagement of the Committee regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and particularly on closely following the results of the global needs assessment survey conducted by the World Bank and the Statistics Division in collaboration with the regional commission, as we consider that this is a valuable input to strengthen specific actions that can be undertaken to provide technical assistance to the National Statistical Offices.</p> <p>Colombia recognizes and appreciates the efforts of the United Nations Development System, which through its offices in our country and in the region have allowed us to collaborate following a demand-driven approach enhancing the ownership of the national development priorities. Moreover, we would like to highlight that on march 2020 the Colombian Government and the United Nations signed the “United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2020-2023” which includes as one of its three overarching objectives supporting catalytic SDGs (5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 y 16) and will support the national government and territorial entities strengthen their installed capacities to accelerate the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.</p> <p>We therefore endorse the Roadmap for Innovating the Data and Statistics System within the United Nations. In this regard, while the objectives included (creating new and timely data solutions, addressing emerging policy needs, and providing coordinated and innovative support to Member States) are ambitious, we believe that they will strengthen existing partnership networks with the private sector and the research community, reducing fragmentation and silos and strengthening the capacity of the United Nations.</p>	
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