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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Switzerland	
<i>Statement:</i> In 2018 and 2019, the United Nations Statistical Commission discussed about the role of a Chief Statistician and in what ways the UN statistical system can and should evolve. Last year, we were able to pass an ECOSOC resolution that urged the various UN actors to take steps to make the system more efficient. Switzerland welcomes those steps forward. At this point, we would like to thank the Committee of the Chief Statisticians of the United Nations System, which has been pushing the issue forward over the last 24 months. We consider the institutional integration in relation to the UN Chief Executives Board (CEB) and the UN Data Strategy to be important. Switzerland therefore welcomes the roadmap and the goals associated with it. If Switzerland can provide assistance in any step, we would be happy to consider how to do that. We would also welcome if the key actors of the United Nations would actively present its various activities related to data and statistics, meaning this road map and the UN Data Strategy, at the UN World Data Forum. National systems are facing similar challenges and it is important to share this information.	
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