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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Colombia	
<i>Statement:</i> Colombia welcomes the report of Friends of the Chair Group on Economic Statistics and congratulates its members as they have been able to strengthen the statistical capacity of the stakeholders by identifying the existing inequalities regarding the production of economic statistics as well as setting out the ground base towards the reduction of inequalities by setting a framework for effective collaboration among the stakeholders. Moreover, we would like to endorse the creation of the new network of economic statisticians as it recognizes the importance of fostering regional coordination and consultation among countries and stakeholders to increase the effectiveness of these mechanisms to identify synergies and avoid overlapping. The inclusion of a thematic agenda in this network could allow a greater involvement from international organizations, programs. Colombia also supports the proposal of establishing a new committee of experts on population and well-being as we are convinced that that said committee could play an important role to foster articulation between society, the economy and the environment by bringing together the various stakeholders in sociodemographic, economic and environmental statistics and academia. Additionally, we consider that the need for establishing this committee becomes of the paramount importance as the number of international scenarios that these matters are being discussed continue to grow. From the Colombian perspective we are eager to actively participate in this new committee as we are convinced that the dialogue and outputs of this group could enhance the role of NSO's within their statistical systems. Moreover, currently in Colombia we have established the Interinstitutional Roundtable on Population, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund, which currently is composed of eight national institutions (the National Administrative Department of Statistics, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, the Presidential Agency for International Cooperation, the National Planning Department, the National Unit for Disaster Risk Management and Migración Colombia). Finally, we consider that the creation of this new committee will allow the different stakeholders to have a dynamic dialogue concerning an issue which has been highlighted amid the pandemic and is the need of advancing in the subjective measurement of Well Being, which is at the core of the new paradigm of Development in Transition, which we consider to be an appropriate approach to the modernization of the role of the NSO's in the changing data ecosystem.	
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