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Russian Federation

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The Russian Federation expresses appreciation for the work conducted by the Friends of the Chair Group on economic statistics and commends the high quality analysis of the current situation given in the document.

We endorse the recommendations elaborated by the Group for the future of economic statistics.

We agree with the conclusion on the need to strengthen cooperation and networking between national statistical offices in developed and developing countries with the assistance of international and regional organizations.

The Russian Federation also notes the establishment of an international network of intellectual data processing centers based on the national data storage and processing centers. We advocate partnership of developed and developing countries on the use of available statistical information in their activities.

We approve the recommendations in the present report, including the establishment of a new network of economic statisticians and exploration of the need for and the feasibility of a committee of experts on population and welfare.

We acknowledge dissolving the Friends of the Chair group on economic statistics with respect to the expiry of the Group mandate in 2021.

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