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<b><i>Statement provided by:</i></b> United Kingdom Office for National Statistics (ONS) on behalf of the National Statistician	
<b><i>Statement:</i></b> The UK is a strong supporter of the Friends of the Chair group and the recommendations provided, they lay the foundations for further identification of common work agendas and tackling some of our common challenges together to deliver synergies above those that can be achieved nationally.  We strongly support efforts for a whole system approach to considering topical policy issues such as net zero, bringing together information across domains and delivering through strong partnerships.  Some key priorities include acquisition of financial transactions data from multi-nationals and sharing approaches as we begin to exploit the power of 'big' and web-scraped data.  These recommendations build on existing multi-lateral approaches and frameworks to further strengthen our collaboration and partnership with each other and across the global statistical system, making sure that no one is left behind.	
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