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<i>Statement provided by:</i>	
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<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>The United States of America welcomes the report of the Friends of the Chair Group on Economic Statistics and have valued the opportunity to actively participate in shaping the recommendations of the report.</p> <p>We endorse the recommendations put forward in this report—particularly, the establishment of a new network of economic statisticians. We believe that such a network will foster a “whole of system” approach and establish an important mechanism to facilitate networking, coordination, and communication on new innovations, experiments, and best practices and strategies to make progress on a variety of priorities to keep economic statistics relevant to meet the demands of our Users.</p> <p>We also value the recommendations to transform and challenge the system to become more responsive by working on aspirational goals that include making progress on co-investments and co-production. We support efforts to enable better working methods, better global and regional coordination, and pursuit of new innovations and experimentation. These are key ingredients to establish better overall working relationships and priority setting to support a more responsive system.</p>	
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