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Statement provided by:
Colombia on behalf of the Latin American countries of ECLAC
Statement:
Exhorts the adoption of flexible criteria regarding the methods and methodologies to be included in
the 2008 update of the System of National Accounts (SNA), considering the new challenges faced by
NSOs in the region in compiling national accounts statistics. As an input, during 2020 the Knowledge
Transmission Network held meetings to learn about the challenges in the region in the production of
national accounts in the face of the pandemic, which led to recommendations for the preparation of
the consumer price index and the compilation of statistics on national accounts, balance of payments
and foreign trade under this context.