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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Colombia	
<i>Statement:</i> Colombia welcomes the report on the management and modernization of statistical systems, and values the progress of the fourth version of the Manual on the management and organization of national statistical systems, because in addition to guiding the development and maintenance of statistical capacity, it will contribute to strengthening the quality of statistics legal, institutional and organizational frameworks, as well as promoting the planning of statistical production in the generation of new indicators, a higher level of granularity through the use of new sources of information such as big data and administrative records. It will also guide statistical organizations on critical, new and emerging issues and how to measure and cushion the impact of situations affecting countries through the collaborative work between the stakeholders of the Statistical Community. Particularly, Colombia considers that the guidelines of the Manual and the effort of the members of the advisory group are highlighted amid the Global Pandemic. Moreover, it is considered that the initiative to have a friendly and interactive web tool for the dissemination of the draft of the fourth version of the manual and the inclusion of comments and good practices and as a mechanism for future updates of the manual, is relevant and appropriate. However, a module is incorporated that allows the consultation of the different versions of the document in order to have traceability of the modifications and adjustments made to the document as well as a module to consult the manual in different languages could be of use. For future updates of the manual, it is suggested to include in the web tool a questionnaire to be filled out by the countries-within an agreed period- to gather inputs on matters such as: i) the new topics to be included in the next version; ii) the best statistical practices of the countries that are not included in the current version; iii) the willingness of the members to participate in the team responsible for the maintenance and future update of the manual. With this, the Commission can map out routes or options for future updates of the manual. Finally, Colombia highlights the importance of taking advantage of the existing institutional set-up, specifically of the Economic Regional Commissions and their specific bodies to incentivize the participation of different countries in this new stage, Colombia manifests its interest in joining the Advisory Group.	
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