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The statement provided by:	
Statistics Poland	
Statement:	

Statistics Poland endorses the revision process and the Advisory Group's work; we also support the new edition of the Handbook. In our opinion, the revised version of the Handbook will meet the contemporary challenges faced by statistical organizations. We are glad that our experts were able to join the Group's work and participate in developing the latest edition of the Handbook. The opportunity to share our comments and knowledge, experience, and good practices was a precious experience. Considering the project's scope, the work of the Group and the editorial team deserves great appreciation.

Poland **supports the delivery of the Handbook as a web-based solution** with the suggested features and functional requirements, which include, among others, the possibility of downloading the Handbook in PDF format, preparing a version for printing (the entire Handbook or a specific chapter or section), or enabling access to content via tablets or mobile phones.

Statistics Poland supports the publication of Chapter 2, "Overview of the Handbook" in paper version with translation in all official languages of United Nations - we believe that this way the knowledge and good practices contained in the Handbook will be able to reach the broadest possible audience. It could also be considered that Chapter 1 and the Glossary are also available in printed format.

We agree that the Handbook should function as a "**living document**" and should be updated regularly. Therefore, we endorse the proposed update and revision mechanisms, including the Advisory Group's tasks and responsibilities and the organization of rotating thematic conferences. The establishment of a permanent tool for regular updating can ensure a rapid change under the Member States' supervision. The idea of distinguishing between concepts such as update and amendments is commendable given their influence on the content and structure of the Handbook.

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