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Chile recognizes and supports the work of the task forces, including the production of manuals, methods, projects, and training courses. We also support the creation of a new task force for the acquisition of data on the global private sector. We are interested in joining the collective efforts and participating in them according to existing possibilities and calls for proposals.   As we stated in 2020, our institution is firmly committed to the worldwide use of the UN Global Platform and regional centers for training activities and projects, including the compilation of rapid indicators to inform policy on emerging issues and to encourage the use of the Global Platform for the delivery of services by statistical offices of the least developed countries and small island developing states.   On the other hand, Chile understands that the efforts of the Global Working Group must be sustainable in the long term in order to lay the foundations for development of the use of information and Big Data for statistical production. These efforts are also important for the generation and implementation of technological tools and the development of competencies of teams.   Therefore, we support the community model as a financing strategy for the Global Platform. We especially encourage all members of the world statistical community to contribute by providing the assistance of experts, and effort in which INE Chile has already expressed its interest.   Chile encourages members of the global statistical community and its partners to contribute financially to the platform, either directly or by funding projects. Our institution also supports the creation of a finance committee to further develop a strategic funding approach to establish priorities and funding sources that will ensure the continuity of the Global Working Group.   Finally, we would like to encourage and support the timely implementation of a global training and certification program in the use of Big Data and data science in official statistics, and we would like to express our particular interest in participating in this opportunity. We also share the need to properly represent this new focus of expertise of the Global Working Group by changing the name of the Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics to the United Nations Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics.
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