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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Colombia	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Under this issue, Colombia would like to recognize the active Role that has been played by UNSD in leading the efforts of the UN Global Working Group on Big Data. We consider that it is important for the Statistical Community to support these efforts as we consider that the outcomes of each one of the Task Teams are a significant asset for the National Statistical Offices.</p> <p>Building on some of the conclusions highlighted on the report shared by the HLG-PCCB on Data Stewardship we can link these two issues together as the expertise of the NSO (in terms of technology and methodology) and the ability to share this expertise with stakeholders at the national context (municipalities, local governments, academia and others) become a habilitating factor to implement and strengthen our role as Data Stewards. Particularly, one of the issues that is highlighted on the report under the annex “Scope of the Data Stewardship stock take” -specifically the outcome of better collaboration- highlights the importance on having a stronger GWG BD that can share the expertise and knowledge gathered over the years to inform the discussions and provide some guidance on specific issues such as on data sharing agreements, having better methods, and access.</p> <p>Also, we consider that the alliance that has been established between the GWG on Big Data and the GPSDD has a lot of potential, not only in administrative issues. The GPSDD has a solid community of users, and we consider that using the GPSDD network (of more than 270 stakeholders) is an important market to promote the financing model of the GWG on Big Data.</p> <p>Moreover, we look forward to working with our colleagues in Brazil to contribute to the work of the LAC Regional Hub, and to strive for the inclusion of the tasks of this Hub in the regional scenarios, such as the Statistical Conference of the Americas and the Knowledge Transmission Network</p> <p>Finally, we share our approval on adopting “United Nations Expert Committee on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics” as well as our enthusiasm in supporting the timely implementation of the Global Training Programme.</p>	
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