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Statement:
Latvia thanks Global Working Group on Big Data for its substantial work done. Latvia considers that outputs from its work in the form of handbooks, methods, projects and training courses is of utmost importance for international statistical community. Deeply appreciating coordinated efforts from statistical community to raise its voice and stressing the role of official statistics for public good, Latvia supports creation of the new Task team on acquisition of global private sector data. Latvia also considers that proposed name change of the group to United Nations Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics absolutely reflect the competence of official statisticians, so that is gladly endorsed.

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