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<i>Statement provided by:</i> The Netherlands	
<i>Statement:</i> The Netherlands welcomes the report of the GWG on Big data and we support the work done by the task teams. The Netherlands welcomes the proposal to establish the new task team on the acquisition of global private sector data. Currently, in the European Statistical System we are trying to promote guaranteed access to privately held data for statistics. The goal is to have a provision for this in the expected draft EU Data Act. To this end, stakeholder engagement actions are now being launched in the ESS context. Proposed activity at the UN level can help all UN Member States to secure access to private data for statistics and we would appreciate if the new task team could share its plans with the ESS concerning communication, specific contacts, set-ups and timing of actions, in order to coordinate the approaches and actions. Concerning the invitation to endorse a community model for a funding strategy, we acknowledge that commitment to participate with contributions in kind or financial contributions are crucial for a successful implementation of the work which will be beneficial for all UN Member States. Last year it was decided to develop a business model. Wouldn't this be more effective and relevant than the creation of a finance committee to further develop a strategic funding approach?	
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