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Colombia welcomes the report presented by the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications and considers that the measures that have been shared with the Commission, pertaining both the new mandate and functions will allow the group to remain to be fit for purpose.

Regarding the approval of the revision to the ISIC Rev4 and the CPC version 2.1, we consider that it is a highly valuable exercise as it allows to incorporate specific improvements to the classifications to adapt to the current economic dynamics as well as responding to specific requests from countries. As such, Colombia encourages the Expert Group to maintain a parallel review and update to both classifications given the existing relation between them.

Finally, and taking into consideration the dynamic of the economic activities the future work of the Committee of Experts remains to be an issue of the highest importance, as it has expanded on the recent years to focus on specific issues such as the environment, geospatial data and disasters. From the point of view of a National Statistical Office, and in the Colombian case, the Data Steward of the Colombian National Statistical System, we consider the adoption and adaptation of international classifications to the specific context, is a key activity for the achievement of better governance and better data.

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