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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Colombia	
<i>Statement:</i> Colombia welcomes the report of the ISWGHS and highlights that the reviews that have been materialized in the new mandate of the group will allow to advance in the identification of needs and improvements for household surveys. The inclusion of the National Statistical Offices will guarantee to expand the scope of the discussions, incentivize the coordination and collaboration along the different areas as the NSO's are in charge of carrying out the Household Surveys and are the final users of the guidelines and products developed by the ISWGHS. Colombia shares its approval to the new mandate of the ISWGHS as it accurately recognizes the importance of Household Surveys in the new data ecosystem and identifies the work ahead to strengthen them. Moreover, we would like to emphasize the will of the ISWGHS on developing and adopting a common and standardized language as well as developing a diagnosis, which can contribute to establish thematic alignments and contribute to effective solutions in methodological issues on the matter. As members of the Working Group, we express our commitment in contributing to the objectives laid out on the new mandate. Likewise, we highlight the creation of intersectoral task forces with the purpose of guaranteeing precise advice and support for the design of higher quality Household Surveys, including a differential and intersectional approach. In this regard, we value the renewal of the Group's website, which aims to position itself as a metadata and methodology exchange center linked to SDG indicators whose data can be collected through household surveys, as well as an online training repository on standards and best practices for the documentation of survey data. We also would like to call upon the ISWGHS to seek specific ways in which they can maintain a constant communication with the IAEG-SDG, especially the Working Group on SDMX as we consider that some synergies between these groups would be beneficial for the statistical Community (enhancing automated exchange of more disaggregated survey data, transfer and retention of metadata, and more accurate benchmarking of prevailing practices carried out by National Statistical Offices). We welcome and share our appreciation of the efforts of the ISWGHS in the elaboration of the "new normality" document for the production of Household Surveys in a post pandemic scenario as we consider that the vision and guidelines it includes will be a great input for NSO's.	
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