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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Colombia	
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<p>We recognize the importance of the proposal that has been put forward by the Secretariat regarding data and metadata management which specifically intends to have a renewed UNdata Hub.</p> <p>As it has been recognized by the Commission in previous discussions regarding the data revolution, and particularly highlighted on the “World that Counts” report “Data are the lifeblood of decision-making and the raw material for accountability. As such we consider that advancing towards the construction of the UNdata Hub is a key element to enhance the transparency of the International Statistical Community.</p> <p>Moreover, we consider that the modernization of the UNdata Hub would be useful to meet the emergent data needs, and that the platform would contribute to enhance the management and dissemination of the available data.</p> <p>Regarding the establishment of an Inter-agency and expert mechanism for the full development and implementation of a new United Nations data hub and the regular review and update of its data and metadata, we would like to share our approval of its proposed Terms of Reference, but we would like the Secretariat to take note on some important issues that we would like to provide some initial inputs for the discussions to be held in this mechanism.</p> <p>Specifically, we would like to encourage the mechanism to discuss how this platform will be articulated with other existing data platforms, to avoid the duplication of efforts. Furthermore, as the governing entity of the Colombian National Statistical System, we are eager to closely follow the discussions to be held on this mechanism.</p> <p>Regarding the objectives and tasks of this mechanism, we would like to suggest that the evaluation is done transparently and being based on specific standards and criteria that are agreed between the different stakeholders and guaranteeing the participation not only from the stakeholders that feed data into the portal, but also from the users.</p> <p>Finally, we consider that an important issue to be addressed on these discussions is on if and how will this portal include geospatial information</p>	
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