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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Hungary	
<i>Statement:</i> Hungary welcomes the report as well as the vision and way forward described for the creation of a global United Nations data hub. The idea of using Hub technique concerning data transfer is supported as it might reduce respondent burden as it is mostly based on machine-to-machine technology. The UNdata portal as a part of a federal architecture requires standard data structures on the webserver of a certain NSO in a given format. Even under well-defined technical conditions, its implementation raises the issue of IT security that might delay improvements. Additional actions might also be needed, which may require further capacities (human and financial). The need for timely, well-structured and comparable data at the global level has been increased by political decision makers, therefore future work could focus on improved timeliness, too. Hungary endorses the establishment of an inter-agency and expert mechanism for the full development and implementation of a new UN data hub and the regular review and update of its data and metadata, and to approve its proposed terms of reference.	
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