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Statement:	
a)	Malaysia highly appreciate the effort of the Committee of Chief Statisticians of the United Nations System for its vision and way forward for the implementation of the new UNdata portal;
b)	Malaysia is in the view that for a data portal to be sustainable and create services that benefit citizens, it needs a reliable and consistent data supply. On top of that, it would have to offer more value-added services, including APIs, analytics and visualisations to the user.
c)	Developing and maintaining a huge and comprehensive data portal is a continuous investment as the accessible data needs to be relevant, timely and usable. It must be 'value for money', widely used and gives high impact to users. Thus, we would like to recommend that the proposals take into consideration on the efforts that could be applied to measure the user engagements, i.e: reuse of the data and the impact of the open data to the user;
d)	**Malaysia also hereby agree 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 and we agree the proposed Terms of Reference for the Inter-Agency and Expert Mechanism for United Nations data.**
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