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Statement provided by: MEXICO

Statement:

(a) Express its views and endorse the vision and way forward for the implementation of the new UNdata hub

Mexico considers that the implementation of the new UNdata is pertinent, as it will be based on modernizing data collection, management, usage and sharing at a global level.

One major issue to discuss should be clarity of targets and scope. ¿Who will be the customers of the new UNdata? ¿Will they primarily be members of the UN system? ¿Will they be international data experts (academics, researchers, etc.)? ¿Will they be the global citizenry? ¿All of the above?

Once the previous point has been addressed, the data governance and architecture model should be defined, as well as data models and standards.

Mexico thinks that SDMX should be promoted as the main reference standard for data and metadata exchange supporting the new UNdata

Deliberate efforts should be put in place to facilitate systematic and wide adoption of the standard, including training and capacity building.

To be successful, the new UNdata should promote the strengthening of National Statistical Systems through standardized and automated data and metadata exchange and dissemination.

(b) Endorse the establishment of an interagency and expert mechanism for the full development and implementation of a new UNdata and the regular review and update of its data and metadata and approve its proposed terms of reference

Mexico endorses the establishment of an interagency and expert mechanism for the new UNdata.

Although we approve the proposed terms of reference of the IEM UNdata, it should be specified how will be the representation from National Statistical Systems (Offices?). Will it be similar to other UN interagency and expert groups?

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