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Ghana

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Ghana through the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) is in favour of the 4th edition of the Statistical Handbook. Ghana is an active member of the Advisory Group and participated actively in the African Thematic Conference – “Managing a Statistical Organisation in Time of Change”, South Africa 7-9 October 2019. The conference gave an insight on the state of the statistical process across countries and served as a platform for sharing country experience and best practices, which contributed to the content, and enriching the handbook. The contributions that came from the conference helped greatly in shaping the Handbook.

Ghana is therefore supportive of the Handbook which is going to play a key role in the statistical processes across countries. The revision of the Handbook has come at an opportune time more especially in an era where statistical offices are experimenting and exploring the use of non-traditional sources of data to complement the traditional sources which are normally conducted periodically. The Handbook will serve as the basis and the starting point that will give backing and guidance on how to accept and incorporate these non-traditional sources into the main statistical systems. It is in the light of the above that Ghana:

- (a) Endorse the revision process and the work of the advisory group, and support the fourth edition of the Handbook;
- (b) Propose Chapter 1 and the Glossary be available in printed format
- (c) Support the publication of Chapter 2 in hard copy with translation in all official United Nations languages;
- (d) Support the delivery of the Handbook as a web-based solution with the suggested features and functional requirements; as well as the recommended choice of software (Adobe Frame Maker) to host the online version of the Handbook; and
- (e) Endorse the proposed update and revision mechanisms, including the Advisory Group's tasks and responsibilities and the organization of rotating thematic conferences, to keep the Handbook relevant as a living document on the web.

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