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Suriname and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on behalf of the CARICOM region:

The CARICOM Region

Welcomes the Report of the Secretary-General on management and modernization of statistical systems.

Endorses the revision process and the work of the advisory group and supports the new edition of the Handbook.

Strongly supports the delivery of the Handbook as a web-based solution with the suggested features and functional requirements;

Fully supports the publication of Chapter 2 in both soft copy and hard copy, with translations into all official United Nations languages.

Endorses the proposed update and revision mechanism, including the tasks and responsibilities of the advisory group and the organization of rotating thematic conferences to keep the Handbook relevant and state of the art.

Recognizes that, while in the 2003 version of the Handbook, neither the CARICOM Secretariat and its good regional initiatives, nor CARICOM Member Countries and their good national practices were reported, the region is visible in the New Handbook. This is truly a matter of "leave no one behind".

Notes that, while the Region is very pleased with the present version of the Handbook (beta version 2, of 10 February 2021), it recommends that Annex 4: Mission, Vision and Value Statements of selected National Statistical Offices should be renamed "Vision, Mission, Value Statements and Mottos of Selected National Statistical Offices".

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