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#### *Statement provided by:*

The Philippines - Philippine Statistics Authority

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As a current member of the HLG-PCCB, the Philippines works with the other members of the High-Level Group to provide strategic leadership in the area of statistical monitoring and reporting of the implementation of the sustainable development goals. We support the approval of the proposed 2022 work plan of the group which includes preparations for the UN World Data Forum 2023, the implementation review for the revision of the framework of the Cape Town Global Action Plan (CTGAP), and its regular quarterly meetings. In connection to the regular meetings, we also support the amended terms of reference for the members of the High-Level group especially on the commitment to regularly attend the meetings and ensuring high-level representation for each member country. Consistent participation in the meetings and high-level representation ensures that the high-level group can provide strategic leadership and promotes national ownership and engagement between the statistical community and other stakeholders working on SDG implementation and monitoring. It also guarantees that the high-level decisions and agreements established during the meetings, which usually involve local interagency coordination, will be carried out as confirmed by the sanction of the high-level representative. In this regard, the Philippines reaffirms its commitment as a member of the HLG-PCCB as we continue to serve our term.

We also endorse the Bern Data Compact, a document that calls upon the global statistical community to develop data capacity, establish partnerships, produce data to leave no one behind, to ensure that data build trust and are presented in a timely, open, and impartial manner. The document also makes an appeal for commitments to achieve these actions. Having been involved in the careful review and revision process of this document since 2019, we commend our fellow members in the subgroup for their hard work and insights overseeing the development of the Compact. We look forward to seeing the document shared with policymakers and other stakeholders globally.

The Philippines also commends the efforts of the High-Level Group, together with its partners, the UNSD, PARIS21, and the World Bank, in conducting the survey of NSOs for the implementation of the CTGAP. The survey provided an opportunity for the NSOs to present the challenges faced during the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighting the need for stronger IT infrastructure and the needed technical assistance to capacitate the NSOs in utilizing these systems. The pandemic forced many, if not all, of our major processes and mechanisms, especially coordination, to be conducted virtually and therefore exposing vulnerabilities and shortages in IT systems and further emphasizing the need for digitization. The struggles during the pandemic also highlighted the importance of a broader and extensive use of administrative data which are low hanging fruits that can be harnessed if capacity development and priority investment are addressed. Moving forward, the continuous monitoring of the progress of the NSOs may be useful in assessing their needs. and the survey results

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may also prove valuable in the revision of the CTGAP framework, taking into account the survey results. We support the revision process of the Plan in time for its review on the 54th Session of the Commission.

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