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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Director-General for Policy Planning on Statistical Policy, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Government of Japan	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Japan appreciates the efforts of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) and looks forward to its continuous and further contributions toward the next comprehensive review of the global indicator framework in 2025.</p> <p>Currently, global metadata amendments by custodian agencies, such as the addition of sub-indicators and the revision of definitions or methodologies not accompanied by changes to indicator names, are not included in the “annual refinements” requiring approval by the Statistical Commission.</p> <p>We would like to point out that the magnitude of the impact of such amendments on NSOs should be adequately considered, and careful discussion within the IAEG-SDGs as well as steady, extensive global consultation is required.</p> <p>Particularly, it is critically important that all member countries submit as much data as possible to measure development support in line with the new Indicator 17.3.1. The OECD and UNCTAD should support each member country’s reporting work to contribute to the maximization of data collection.</p>	
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