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As the central repository of the Sustainable Development Goals Indicators, the Philippines, through the Philippine Statistics Authority, continues to support the work of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators in accomplishing its mandate to develop a global indicator framework and providing technical support for its implementation. One of its most important tasks is the regular review of methodological developments and issues related to the indicators and their metadata. In this aspect, we support the annual indicator refinements for SDG indicator 11.5.2 and 16.1.4.

We also support the work programme of the expert group for 2022, in particular, the sharing of experiences and best practices on monitoring the Goals including especially those concerned with national Sustainable Development Goal platforms, dashboards and portals, communication of data for the Goals, data disaggregation, and national efforts in bridging data gaps. Knowledge sharing is an effective way of capacitating NSOs in the monitoring of the SDGs. We welcome the adoption of the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap which will provide actionable guidance for NSOs on the application of geospatial information in the national implementation of the SDGs specifically on what needs to be done, when, why, and by whom. The monitoring of the indicators and implementation of the SDGs pose huge demand for data and disaggregation that official statistics alone cannot fully provide for. Therefore, these guidelines on how to use geospatial information such as earth observation and other location-based data are important in our fulfillment of the Goals.

Finally, we also support the adoption of the new indicator 17.3.1 and its sub-indicators and further support the request for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to be co-custodians.

Being familiar with the work of the IAEG-SDGs and having served as co-chair in the previous years, the Philippines continues to work towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and will continue to strive together with the Commission to work towards the achievement of sustainable development.

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