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The Republic of Korea would like to extend its gratitude to the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) for its commitment to improving the global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to increasing the quality of data and metadata, in the face of the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic.

We are fully aware of the urgency required to close the data gaps among nations in this joint journey towards the attainment of the SDGs by 2030. For this, we are deeply grateful to the United Nations Statistics Division and the United Kingdom for their concerted efforts on SDG capacity-building. The Republic of Korea is also eager to participate in relevant technical cooperation.

Statistics Korea continues to work on multiple fronts, including but not limited to the establishment and operation of an open source-based SDG data platform (https://kostat.go.kr/sdg) and the publication of national SDG progress reports.

Statistics Korea will proactively share its experience – both achievements as well as trials and errors – that was gained in the domestication of international activities undertaken to reach the SDGs, including data and the development of the metadata platform. Such efforts will surely bring synergy effects to developing countries as they strengthen and enrich their statistical capabilities.

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