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Russian Federation

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The Russian Federation commends the work conducted by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) over the past year, as well as the work of all its sub-groups.

To date, more than 50% of the indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) refer to Tier I, which indicates the growth of statistical capacity and the significant contribution of the Expert Group to the implementation of methodological works aimed at various aspects of the Goals. The revision of the global system of indicators and the introduction of appropriate annual refinements is an important element in improving work in this area. The Russian Federation supports the refinements proposed this year for SDG-11 and SDG-16 (Annex I of Document E/CN.3/2022/2).

Referring to the work on data disaggregation (paragraph 21 of the Panel's report), we highlight that it should be conducted on the basis of consensus concepts in accordance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Agenda 2030) and should not be used to promote internationally inconsistent provisions.

Alternative data sources are a significant growth point, including for statistics for the SDGs. We note the importance of the activity of the Working Group on Geospatial Information, which culminated in the approval of the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap

As one of the member countries of the Working Group on Measurement of Development Support, we acknowledge the significant contribution of the group to the development of the new indicator for target 17.3 " Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources " and the preparation of a toolkit for using small area estimation in for the Goals.

We advocate for increased global and regional efforts to achieve the SDGs. The development of common approaches to the quantitative measurement of such efforts is an important condition for their effective planning and implementation.

In this regard, we support the proposal to organize work on the coordination of the relevant methodology on the IAEG-SDG platform. At the same time, we consider it necessary to proceed from the premise that the course of such a process should be determined by the UN member states, with possible consideration of the results of other initiatives launched within the Organization, including the ones on the topic of global public goods.

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As one of the member countries of the Working Group on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange for SDGs we note our readiness to continue working within the UN multilingual initiative, which will facilitate the use of SDMX for SDG indicators in all Russian-speaking countries.

We endorse the presented IAEG-SDG work program for 2022 and express readiness to take part in the planned activities.

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