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The General Authority for Statistics of SAUDI ARABIA (GASTAT) appreciates the efforts done by Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators. GASTAT supports work programme of the Expert Group for 2022. One of the tasks of the Expert Group is to review methodological developments and issues related to the SDG indicators and metadata. The subgroup invited new members to join. The following member countries are part of the subgroup: Canada, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Malaysia, and Sweden. From the above it is clear that there is no candidate from the Gulf countries or Arab countries. Saudi Arabia is a committed member and has started very promising initiatives aligned with the SDG, and therefore we would like to be invited to this subgroup to further support the efforts in this field.

We also recommend that the issues related to the methodology should be presented to the National Statistical offices in order to determine a methodology compatible with the local-specificities of some countries in the Middle East.

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