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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Russian Federation	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>We take note of the work accomplished by the UN Statistics Division and its program of work.</p> <p>The Russian Federation acknowledges the significance of the Data for Now initiative in the context of increasing speed and quality of data reporting.</p> <p>We endorse the work of a collaborative on the use of administrative data for statistical purposes. We note that an open dialogue, together with a permanent platform for the exchange of experience contribute to the strengthening of statistical systems, as well as offer solution to the challenges faced by national statistical offices.</p> <p>The Russian Federation commends the progress of the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training that makes a significant contribution to the knowledge base and training of statisticians.</p> <p>We support the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians and note that joint activities and the exchange of knowledge and data facilitate the progress and achievement of the goals and objectives of each member of the association.</p> <p>The Russian Federation commends the results of work of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys. We take note of the methodological materials on SDGs implementation prepared by the Working Group together with the UN Statistics Division in 2021. We consider that this work, as well as the work of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys, should be based on the provisions of the 2030 Agenda agreed by the Member States and the system of its indicators, without the arbitrary introduction of new non-agreed indicators for monitoring. We highlight that if the UN custodian agencies see reasons to adjust the national data submitted by the member-states (incl. to ensure international comparability) for some or other indicators, they should necessarily coordinate such actions with the member countries from which these statistics are obtained, and in accordance with the Principles governing international statistical activities.</p> <p>We welcome the work conducted to provide metadata on global SDG indicators available in the official UN languages, including Russian.</p>	
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