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The CARICOM Region recognises the contribution of Anguilla and Turks and Caicos Islands in the preparation of this statement. CARICOM region welcomes the establishment of the Working Group on Data Stewardship at the fifty-second session and commends the working group for clearly defining the views into the five (5) workstreams.

We approve the changes to the terms of reference of the Working Group as contained in Annex 1 and the establishment of an annual workplan. We believe that the scope in relation to the workstreams cover the areas that arise when speaking to the topic of data stewardship.

We invite the Commission to note the work of the CARICOM region in this area Data Stewardship and the progress made, in particular to the Governance and Legal framework with the development of the Model Statistics Bill and Sharing and Collaboration workstream, noting that the region as well will be has made some advances in this area but will be at a different starting point. The region for scheduling it work programme request details on the term of the Working Group on Data Stewardship.

We endorse the decision under Governance and Legal framework as it relates to supporting the development of the capacity of national statistical offices to fulfil the role of data stewards while at the same time, strongly maintaining due care and attention and safeguarding the privacy of data especially in SIDS.

The region supports the work to develop recommendation on approaches to data stewardship for NSO, which will strengthen the NSO capacity as data stewards.

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