Mexico considers that the topic of Data Stewardship (DS) is increasingly important due to the necessity to consolidate the figures and methods that offer the data ecosystem the confidence and security of the appropriate handling of information to generate statistics in a more abundant, granular, regular, safe and timely manner.

We must welcome and support the initiatives that are being developed in this regard in the different forums in which the UN are involved. However, it is important to review the progress in this matter by the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) Task Force on DS, which is focused precisely on the issues of governance, definitions and frameworks to perform the role of DS. Taking advantage of what has been advanced, and enriching it, will allow the DSWG to focus on reflecting and proposing alternatives such as those considered in components ii, iii and iv of this work plan (SDG, collaboration and use of data from smart cities).

Regarding the Terms of Reference in Annex I, Mexico suggests to add in numeral III.5 (Organization and conduct of the work), establishing a dialogue with the CES Task Force on DS to know, analyze and, where appropriate, incorporate the results of their work to meet the objectives of the DSWG.

Mexico approves the proposed workplan of the DSWG for 2022.