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| <i>Statement provided by:</i> CANADA | |
| <i>Statement:</i> <p>Mr. Anil Arora, Chief Statistician of Canada, feels honored and humbled to have served on the Bureau for the last two years. On his behalf and on behalf of his international support team, sincere thanks are extended to the Secretariat from the UNSD for their excellent support for all of the inter-sessional activities. Recognition for the professionalism and camaraderie of his fellow Bureau Members, under the first-rate leadership of Mr. Shigeru Kawasaki as chairperson are also expressed, as is great appreciation to Mr. Stefan Schweinfest for his diligent work and guidance.</p> <p>Canada supports the revised Terms of reference of the Statistical Commission and commends the transparent and participatory review process. We appreciate the inclusion of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, which were adopted 30 years ago at the UNECE level, and further cemented as the key professional and scientific standard of our community by the General Assembly's endorsement. The UN FPOS are as relevant today as they were back then and will continue to be in the future. Positioning the role of the Commission in a relevant manner yet robust to the evolving needs of the data ecosystem was one of the guiding principle of this review, and we believe it was well met.</p> <p>Canada also welcomes the initial plan and guidance for gender mainstreaming and the proposal for the IAEG-GS's Advisory Group on Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective into the work of the Statistical Commission. As mentioned in the document, it is important to position gender statistics as statistics not only about women but rather as statistics providing evidence to inform policies that benefit everyone. The prioritization approach proposed for revisiting the work of the commission under a Gender lens appears wise and pragmatic.</p> <p>Like so many other members states, we wish we could meet in person to discuss and adopt our standards, recommendations and other products (using in the future a more standard nomenclature highlighting more clearly the intention as either prescriptive, recommendation, a prospective approach). We note however, that the fifty-second session held in virtual mode in 2021 was a success which was carbon cautious and inclusive, under challenging circumstances. We expect this current session to be as productive, while hoping we can meet again in-person sometime in the future.</p> | |
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