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Statement provided by: DANE-Colombia

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Colombia takes note of the Report of the Bureau on the Working Methods of the Statistical Commission. We endorse the updates made to the Commission's Terms of Reference as they reflect the current concerns and expectations of National Statistical Offices. Specifically, we would like to draw attention to the importance of complying with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, while also promoting their operationalization to find sound solutions to the emerging challenges posed by the enlargement of the data ecosystem.

Moreover, we celebrate the emphasis made to fostering Data Stewardship as one of the main strategies needed to solve those challenges. It is through this approach that we can promote a more equitable and inclusive data production, while at the same time advocate for better practices and innovations that guarantee data privacy, confidentiality, and effective collaboration and dissemination schemes.

In addition, we celebrate that both the Bureau and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics, have taken note the progress made within the ECLAC region, particularly within the Statistical Conference of the Americas. Thus, Colombia endorses the IAEG-GS's initial proposal on integrating a gender perspective into the work of the Statistical Commission, in response to Decision 51/115. As such, we look forward to providing substantive contributions to this endeavor through our engagement as members of the IAEG-GS's Advisory Group on Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective into the work of the statistical Commission.

Finally, we highlight the importance of the review of the Commission's Multi-Year Program for the establishment of thematic areas prioritized in the gender mainstreaming process. This exercise will make it possible to systematize the efforts made by the expert advisory group in order to achieve concrete results that will be reported in 2024.

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