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Colombia takes note of the report presented by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. We would like to congratulate its members for the effort made to address emerging topics in the statistical community, as well as to highlight that UNECE has made significant innovations regarding the organization of their proceedings allowing for maintaining their innovations and delivery of outcomes in the virtual format.

Moreover, we highlight the importance of the work regarding the definition of the core values of official statistics, as this exercise will allow as to better navigate the challenges posed by the appearance of new data users and producers. As NSOs are trying to find their place in the new data ecosystem, coming back to the core values of official statistics will enable us to strengthen our role to clearly differentiate our scope from other data producers and to foster trust in our mandate.

Likewise, it is important to note that this process is aligned with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, and that taking into account the updates provided under item 3(c) working methods of the statistical commission, we must feel proud as the international statistical community continues to show its willingness to innovate, adapt and remain relevant withing a changing data ecosystem. In addition, we are pleased that throughout the different activities of the work plan, UNECE and its members have proved a firm willingness to cooperate with stakeholders outside the geographical region, allowing to incorporate both the challenges and innovations that have been developed by members from other regions, which enables a constant and dynamic exchange of knowledge and best practices.

Finally, we would like to highlight the work on the modernization of Official Statistics. While innovation has always been a cornerstone of NSOs' mandate, the enlargement of the data ecosystem has put an additional pressure to stay fit-for-purpose. Moreover, we consider that the work carried out within the UNECE region in issues such as climate change, disaster risk reduction, and circular economy, among others, provide a solid base upon which further work can be carried out across the statistics community.

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