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The Russian Federation appreciates the methodological work carried out in the region by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). We commend UNECE for the open and inclusive process of preparing guidelines in various statistical areas, which respond to current needs and provide significant assistance to countries in building statistical capacity, as well as for the opportunity to contribute to the aforementioned preparation. We express readiness to participate in further methodological initiatives and note the usefulness of the ongoing work for all countries.

We support the ongoing work, as decided by the Conference of European Statisticians, on developing a common understanding of the concepts of data stewardship in the context of official statistics, as well as on defining a minimum set of core obligations for a data steward.

We fully support the work on developing the concept for measuring new and emerging forms of employment, in particular in the employment gig economy, platform work and teleworking. We note the high importance and priority of this work, given that its results will allow national statistical offices to proceed directly to the systematic description, measurement and classification of new forms of employment.

We appreciate the results of the work of the Task Force to explore how to harmonize approaches for measuring the circular economy and provide a pla tform for exchange of experience and knowledge, including on clarifying the scope of measurement, key terms and definitions.

We highly appreciate the work of the UNECE in ensuring the coordination of statistical activities in the region and promoting the development of a system of official statistics at the national and international levels, aimed at developing a sound policy and analyzing the progress in achieving the SDGs. This work contributes to a synergistic effect in the development of the methodology of economic statistics.

We note that the methodological work of the UNECE in the field of measuring poverty and social exclusion is of great importance for the development of statistical measurement of well-being, and can be used as a basis for further activities in the development of statistics at the regional and international levels.

We encourage the efforts of the UNECE High Level Group for Modernization of Official statistics, as well as the introduction of standards and models for the modernization of statistical activities outside the UNECE region within existing global initiatives.

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We highlight the importance of the Blue Skies Thinking Network, which seeks emerging opportunities to modernize statistics.	
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