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Colombia appreciates the efforts of the Expert Group on Refugee, Internally Displaced Persons and Statelessness Statistics on statelessness statistics and its members as they have tackled a complex subject and have sought to generate solid statistical frameworks allowing to enable members to keep the promise of Leaving No One Behind.

Since 2020, Colombia strengthened its engagement with EGRIS, by becoming a member of its steering committee. Given the institutional set-up, both DANE (Colombia’s National Statistical Office) and the Special Administrative Unit for the Attention and Integral Reparation of Victims (Victims Unit) jointly participate in this scenario. The international participation of Colombia in this scenario has been enabled by the strengthening of local coordination through the establishment of the Migration Roundtable, which is chaired by DANE, as head of the National Statistical System.

Moreover, we commend the efforts of the Expert Group in the area of statelessness statistics and concur with the importance of establishing a series of recommendations for the measurement of the phenomena amidst a challenging data landscape on the matter. Likewise, we highlight the effort made regarding the identification of advantages and drawbacks for each data source that could be used.

Finally, taking the progress made so far, DANE will advance in internal consultations in order to determine the way forward concerning the possibility of implementing the recommendations provided in our country; and thus would request that the Expert Groups reports back to the Commission on its 24th session.

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