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<i>Statement provided by:</i> DANE-Colombia	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>DANE acknowledges the importance to advance in the mechanisms that allow the adoption of measures for migrants, refugees, displaced persons, and other vulnerable populations to avoid the risk of statelessness in its different concepts, always preserving the right to the legal identity and access to essential services of this population. In this sense, we emphasize that the United Nations Agenda for Legal Identity is the way forward to provide access to a legal identity for all, through birth registration. To achieve this goal, Colombia highlights the importance of innovating and join forces between National Statistical Offices and other public entities in charge of population registration.</p> <p>Colombia thanks the United Nations system, particularly to the UNFPA, for the support it has provided to the National Administrative Department of Statistics of Colombia (DANE), as their support has been essential to execute an innovative social project to count with vital statistics and facilitate the registration of births in places with difficult access and low internet coverage. We underscore the relevance of the role of institutions of the UN System in the monitoring of the effects of the pandemic, document the availability of reliable vital statistics, monitor and report on the overall implementation of the Agenda, and further develop the methodological framework in this regard.</p> <p>Finally, Colombia has expressed its interest in being part of the work carried out by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs/WHO Technical Advisory Group on COVID-19 Mortality Assessment, allowing us to share our experiences and promote cooperation with other members. We consider that the results are of the highest relevance amidst the pandemic. As such, we encourage the Technical Advisory Group to continue its work.</p>	
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