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<i>Statement provided by:</i> DANE-Colombia	
<i>Statement:</i> Colombia celebrates the achievements and activities carried out by UN-HABITAT presented in this report and considers that the proposed further work is pertinent, allowing to continue joining efforts to comply with the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda. We further encourage to emphasize on the need to strengthen the capacity-building component for National Statistical Offices around the world, in order to continue reinforcing the integration of statistical and geospatial data allowing to have more detailed information related to human settlements.  Colombia takes careful note of the progress made to introduce a global urban/city definition, as well as on the capacity development plan following its previous approval in 2020. However, with regards of the new global definition, we consider that it is important to highlight the challenge of incorporating in this endeavor the different perspectives and heterogeneity of each state, especially in relation to developing countries.  Finally, in relation to the global urban monitoring framework and its implementation, which is part of the harmonized urban strategy, we underscore the importance of continuing with the efforts related to the integration of statistical and geospatial information for monitoring and follow-up of global agendas. As such, it is necessary to adapt the global guidelines for the definition of typologies and degrees of urbanization, whose methodologies are supported by the integration of earth observations and population estimates derived from statistical data in order to obtain measurements of indicators under a common and standardized framework.	
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