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Canada endorses the work of the Statistics Division and the Expert Group on Innovative and Effective Ways to Collect Time-Use Statistics as the core components of the upcoming update of the UN Guidelines to produce time-use statistics in an efficient way.

The Minimum Harmonized Instrument for time-use data collection – by harmonizing the time-use statistics across countries through a “minimum” set of requirements – and quality considerations for time-use surveys will foster international comparability and quality while balancing unique considerations in each country. Moreover, the proposed options to modernize time-use data production will support National Statistics Offices in addressing the challenges they face in conducting time-use survey, such as decreasing response rates, increasing costs, and delays in dissemination of results.

Canada also acknowledges the need to integrate a gender perspective into all agenda items of the UN Statistical Commission, noting that this will entail collaboration and coordination across national and international statistical systems.

Canada also supports the 2nd Global Survey of national gender statistics programs to assess the current status of gender statistics and to take stock of progress in this area.

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