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<i>Statement provided by:</i> CANADA	
<i>Statement:</i> Canada welcomes the Report of the World Health Organization on health statistics: strengthening statistical systems to track the health-related Sustainable Development Goals. We thank the Intersecretariat Working Group on Health Statistics for their work to date and agree to dissolve the group, noting that planned International Conference on Health Statistics (ICHS), which is country driven and whose membership will include both members of NSOs and Health ministries, will take its place. The ICHS will provide a forum where international standards for health statistics can be elaborated and agreed upon. The pandemic has further highlighted the need for high quality, unbiased statistical information. Scientific rigour and robust and validated methodologies are at the core of the national and international statistical systems. The Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics must underpin all of our work. We encourage ongoing dialogue of all stakeholders to enhance coordination and collaboration in this domain to address any issues that arise and establish a path forward founded upon these principles.	
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