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Statement:
The NSO Mongolia welcomes the report of the UN Statistical Commission and the World Health Organization (WHO). The critical need for robust, timely, country-level data has become more evident during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Health Information Systems Unit has been established to work with member states to develop their routine health information systems so that potentially rich data can be used to support policy formation. We are glad to cooperate on the development of our health information systems. NSO supports statements of Switzerland, it would be great to have several countries mention this. The pandemic has illustrated the importance of timely and reliable data to support evidence-based decision-making. However, we have noted that, contrary to what is mentioned in section E, COVID-19 excess mortality estimates were not yet published. Those estimates will provide important information on the impact of the pandemic and assist population estimates. As such, Switzerland encourages WHO to rapidly publish and disseminate these estimates." The NSO Mongolia applauds the establishment of new Geographic Information System Centre for health to serve various programmes within WHO and its member States in the area of geographic information systems and mapping. The WHO plans to release statistical results based on ICD-11 starting this year. In this regard, we are glad to support the implementation of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) and collaborate with Ministry on Health on the implementation of the ICD-11 in Mongolia when the WHO approves it.
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