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The Netherlands compliments the WHO for the substantial work undertaken in 2020 and 2021.

The Netherlands has taking note of the report produced by the WHO on health statistics. Indeed, the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of good health and health statistics. We therefore look forward to the announced International Conference on Health Statistics and discuss the challenges that lie ahead.

As of January 1st this year, the 11th revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) has come into effect. The update of ICD is welcomed and offers opportunities to improve the quality of health statistics.

We would also like to mention that the implementation of the ICD-11 requires much effort of the health care sector, as well as of other organisations like Statistics Netherlands. Translation, training and statistical implementation including adjustment of the death statistics coding tool (Iris) has to take place.

Although these necessary activities imply a lot of effort, we are certain that in the end it will improve the statistics based on ICD-11.

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