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Colombia welcomes the report presented by INEGI and UNODC on crime and criminal justice statistics. We support the activities set to continue the implementation of the Commission's updated road map, the framework for measuring the feminicide, and the conceptual framework for the statistical measurement of illicit financial flows.

We would like to also highlight the importance of the permanent effort and support provided by the INEGI-UNODC Excellence Centre during our process of adapting the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) for Colombia. Their support was key in providing a conceptual framework, which facilitated the articulation of DANE with the main actors of the security, defense and justice sector. Moreover, we would like to highlight the relevance of the support provided by the Center, in order to incorporate significant innovations in key surveys in Colombia, such as the inclusion of a cybercrime module in the Coexistence and Citizen Security Survey (ECSC), as well as in the Political Culture Survey (ECP) to include questions that contribute to the monitoring of SDG 16 indicators (16.5.1 Corruption and 16.b.1 Discrimination).

It is essential to maintain cooperation efforts aimed at sharing and strengthening methodological, technical and technological tools to improve the quality and timeliness of statistical information on crime and justice, in order to broaden the scope of the production of information related to crimes that are difficult to measure, measurements of criminal justice and the study of these phenomena in rural areas.

In addition to the production of information, it is necessary to articulate efforts to facilitate the systematic use of statistical information by other key actors and users of the justice and security sector to make evidence-based policy decisions, enabling them to be compared. Facilitating the presentation and analysis of data is a task that will contribute to the promotion of a statistical culture in the justice sector and increase its potential for use.

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