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The Philippines commends the efforts of the Commission in drafting the global climate change statistics and indicators and its extensive consultation with various states and agencies. This will indeed be beneficial in the advancement of each countries' programs on climate change statistics. The inclusion of meteorology, hydrology, environmental quality, human health, biodiversity, and other vital areas will provide a better landscape of our situation.

As a country situated in the Western Pacific Region, the Philippines is vulnerable to climate change. Rising sea levels and extreme weather events are just some of the consequences of climate change that the archipelago endures, and often with devastating effects. Without concrete and urgent actions, the threats are only expected to worsen. To cope with the dynamic nature of climate change, a data-driven approach is vital in creating actionable policies and measures to mitigate its consequences. In this regard, the Philippines supports adopting the global set of climate change statistics and indicators as our framework and encourages its implementation in other countries.

To bridge the gap among countries, we support the development of training materials and strategies for capacity development and resource mobilization. We also support the call to strengthen the collaboration between the national statistical offices and the national authorities involved in climate change-related data.

Lastly, the Philippines agrees to review the global set three to five years from adoption. The assessment of the impacts and relevance of the indicators based on actual experiences during implementation will improve resources allocation and ensure that a better climate change scenario is being captured.

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