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The Russian Federation welcomes the establishment of the Network of Economic Statisticians and commends the progress achieved in its first year of functioning.

We note that the operational mechanism adopted by the task teams of the Network in the format of sprints seems to be an effective tool for achieving the goals within the four thematic workstreams: a) networking (collaboration and user consultation), b) transforming and challenging the system (statistical infrastructure and operations, and data solutions), c) enabling (institutional arrangements and governance), and d) experimenting, integrating and documenting (statistical framework and methods).

We note that the work of the joint task team of the Network and the Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics is of great interest.

We highlight the importance of efforts on including the measures centered on people’s well-being and enhancing their analytical value into the Network activities within “beyond GDP” sprint. We endorse the proposed terms of references and deliverables of the work program of the Network for 2022.

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