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<i>Statement provided by:</i> DANE_Colombia	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Colombia welcomes the report presented by the Partnership on Measuring Information and Communications Technology for Development. Given the importance of the list produced by the partnership during the last year, we take the opportunity to express our endorsement to the revised list of basic ICT indicators. We concur with the vision shared throughout the report through which the importance of producing and compelling ICT statistics is highlighted, and thus underscore the importance of implementing the reviewed guidelines to enable the availability and quality of statistics allowing to provide the needed evidence base on the matter in a virtual world.</p> <p>With regards of the proposal of creating a basic basket of technological products (laptop, smartphone and a Tablet) it is important to highlight that in 2021, the Colombian government declared the internet to be a public, essential and universal service, through this declaration it sought to guarantee and ensure that the service is delivered in an efficient, continuous and permanent manner, allowing to increase the connectivity and reduce the digital gap.</p> <p>Moreover, Colombia underscores the relevance of developing initiatives to measure ICT statistics through the use of innovative data collection methods, including big data, and highlights the importance of establishing solid guidelines on the matter enabling a constant coordination within the National Statistical Systems in specific areas such as exchange of information, standardization of definitions, and for that matter the role of the Partnership will be catalytic.</p> <p>Finally, it is important to note that as chair of ITU's Expert Group on ICT Household Indicator, and leaders of the sub-group on e-waste Indicators, we have advanced in the strengthening of the framework of statistics on ICT that can be compiled from Household surveys. On e-waste statistics on 2022, the work to develop a survey module that could be included in Household surveys to collect basic information on e-waste Indicators will continue.</p>	
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