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Statement:

- (a) Malaysia would like to welcome the Report of the Partnership on Measuring Information and Communications Technology for Development. Malaysia fully supports and acknowledges the recommendations proposed to improve the availability and enhance the core list indicators. Malaysia has followed the revised core list indicators for past years. To support the effort, currently Malaysia had published reports on ICT such as The Usage of ICT Businesses and e-Commerce, Access and Use of ICT by Households and Individuals, ICT Satellite Account as well as conducted quarterly/annually/biennial survey to produce Information and Communication Services Statistics and e-Commerce Statistics as input to ICT Indicators.
- (b) Due to the important role of ICT as well as ICT sector as a major provider of big data, Malaysia strongly agreed on the recommendation with the proposal of the need to implement the revised guidelines in order to improve the availability and quality of ICT indicators and to better assess the digital readiness.
- (c) Malaysia acknowledges the collection of e-waste indicators as an important aspect of ICT statistics. Malaysia is interested in learning more about the collection of e-waste indicators.
- (d) Malaysia also supports the use of the latest methodological material and related capacity-building resources produced by the Partnership and encourages the Partnership to do any related programs and workshops. Malaysia is interested in participating in the capacity-building training program available, to enhance analytical skills and adopt the best practices for ICT statistics and big data for ICT statistics.
- (e) Malaysia would like to support and recommend the utilization of Big Data for measuring the information economy and society, in which Malaysia has recognized the potential and enormous information that could be extracted explicitly. Thus, Malaysia has begun to explore and exploit the technologies in tandem with digital revolution ecosystems.

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