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Statement:

1. Egypt commends the role of the World Bank, international and regional organizations in charge of implementing the International Comparison Program, and we agree with what was stated in the report.
2. Egypt, as a dual participating state, calls on regional organizations to increase coordination among them in order to unify the codes of the common items and the programs used.
3. Egypt also calls on the stakeholders in the program to provide financial and technical support to countries to ensure the implementation of the course's activities in a timely manner and with high data accuracy, especially considering the Covid-19 pandemic.
4. Egypt encourages countries to further integrate the program's items into the national basket used in the consumer price index, while calling on the stakeholders to provide the necessary support until this requirement is implemented.
5. Egypt recommends that countries and international organizations use the results of international comparisons (purchasing power parities) more effectively in their publications, because of their great importance in showing the true size of economies.

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