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Statement:

- Egypt appreciates the role of international and regional organizations responsible for implementing the content of the report.
- We would like to point out CAPMAS held a workshop to develop a unified statistical definition of the Egypt informal sector with the participation of ministries, agencies and international organizations to discuss setting specific criteria for choosing the statistical definition of the informal sector. It was agreed on the following definition: - Production units engaged in an economic, commercial, industrial service activities... and it does not have any administrative registration, or it does its work without a license from the competent official authorities, and it does not carry any legal form in terms of the procedures necessary to practice this economic activity.”
- CAPMAS is also currently conducting an employment outside establishments survey to provide a modern database on the extent of the contribution of the informal sector to the economy, especially individuals that work outside establishments (taxi drivers, street vendors, construction workers, etc.) to provide detailed statistical data on demographic and social economic characteristics of labor force outside establishments, which allows monitoring and estimating the size of this sector and the extent of its contribution to the domestic product (except for agricultural activities) and providing job opportunities that limit the increase in unemployment rates.
- We also point out that CAPMAS has applied the latest methodologies and definitions in accordance with the recommendations of the International Conference on Labor, especially those applied in the survey for manpower, and the Agency would like to participate in the discussions that will take place on these proposals with the International Labor Organization to agree on the mechanism of their application.

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