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Statement:

- (a) Malaysia highly appreciate the effort of the Working Group on Open Data Committee in preparing the report of the Working Group on Open Data and we take note that the report is substantial in providing guidance to National Statistical Offices (NSOs) on open data practices in the production of official statistics;
- (b) Malaysia also hereby agrees with the open by default model introduced to disseminate statistics effectively. Cross-governmental support for open by default policies is crucial to ensure that NSOs get the right information and understand the open by default principle. On top of that, establishing a strong, digitally trained workforce should be the top priority of any government agency and public sector organization involved in the data management;
- (c) We take note of the review of best practices on data licensing and their harmonization with other national laws;
- (d) We also would like to express our view on the usefulness of the Joined-up Data Maturity Model to assess NSOs maturity level on data interoperability. This model would be a great help for NSOs in developing intensive and strategic action plan to improve interoperability in future, as well as to be used as a guidance and reference in setting the standards for strategic plan, particularly for data management and ICT; and
- (e) As for the local-level open statistics, we believe by applying open data standards, it can be re-used for many purposes. In Malaysia context, DOSM has made local-level statistics available through a mobile application interactive system (MyLocal Stats), which assists users to access economic and social statistics covering 20 indicators up to the district and locality levels for the planning of local development. On top of that, there is an extensive need of using secondary data sources like administrative registers and geospatial information to produce timely and reliable local-level statistics. The integration of administrative data from various sources (dataset, Application Programming Interface-API and system) of Others Government Agency (OGA) is one of the extension functions in the Department of Statistics Malaysia Data Warehouse (StatsDW), which is currently being developed.
- (f) Malaysia welcomes the proposal to incorporate open data issues in the discussions of the Working Group on Data Stewardship.

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