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This is a joint statement submitted on behalf of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA), which consists of 45 international and supranational organizations promoting the inter-agency coordination and cooperation on statistics.

The Committee:

WELCOMES the report of the Working Group on Open Data and congratulates the group on its work on the application of the principle that data are open by default in the context of official statistics, the enhancement of data interoperability across statistical business processes, and the dissemination of local-level statistics as open data by national statistical offices. The summary report and underlying research papers provide valuable tools and case studies for national and sub-national statistical organizations as well as CCSA members.

COMMENDS the working group particularly for its efforts to provide guidance on application of data licenses, address specific issues that have hindered progress on open data in recent years, and clarify common misconceptions.

REITERATES that the first phase of the CCSA Open Data Task Team's assessment of CCSA members' use of open data practices identified areas for improvement around machine readability, non-proprietary formats, download options, metadata availability, and unrestricted Terms of Use and INFORMS the Commission that further work in this area is underway.

NOTES the importance of a commitment by national, regional and international statistical agencies to provide open access to statistical data through a public domain dedication on any website or portal where such data are published, considering that in many cases statistical data may not be subject to copyright and licensing.

WELCOMES the proposal to continue the work towards advancing the open data culture and on the dissemination of local-level statistics as open data within the Working Group on Data Stewardship.

FULLY SUPPORTS the proposed actions on the report and STANDS READY to support the further work on Open Data in other contexts, as recommended in the report.

CONGRATULATES the group on the conclusion of its work.

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