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From Colombia's perspective, we would like to recognize the importance of the developments achieved within the framework of the Praia Group on Governance Statistics. We firmly believe that the products that have been efficiently developed by them, particularly the Covid—19 note, allowed Statistical offices to receive clear guidance amidst uncertainty.

It is also important to acknowledge that thanks to the methodological discussions that have been held in the different scenarios fostered by the Praia Group on Governance Statistics, the National Statistical Office of Colombia received an outstanding support, allowing to include the measurement of SDG indicators 16.b.1 (proportion of population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law); 16.5.1(Proportion of persons who had at least one contact with a public official and who paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials, during the previous 12 months); and 16.7.2 (Proportion of population who believe decisionmaking is inclusive and responsive, by sex, age, disability and population group) within Colombia's Political Culture Survey, whose results will be published by June 2022.

We firmly believe that besides having a direct contribution in the implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development through the monitoring of these indicators, the resulting information obtained will be an essential input for public debate. Colombia looks forward to sharing this information with the Praia Group and its members.

Moreover, in regard to the Group's 2020-2025 work plan, Colombia considers it pertinent to recognize that the proposal presented by the Secretariat -articulated in three pillars (methodological work, capacity building, and community building)- represents a sound proposal to advance in the fulfillment of the Group's mandate in a comprehensive manner. As such, Colombia reiterates its commitment to continue participating in the Praia Group, as the developments to be achieved within the new task teams on nondiscrimination and participation in public affairs will strengthen our national capabilities. Finally, given that each of the products to be developed by these task teams, will focus on the issuance of recommendations-particularly of national coordination- from our perspective we believe that it would be important to include other stakeholders involved in these issues-besides NSO's-within exercise, such as line ministries.

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