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<i>Statement provided by:</i> USA (United States of America)	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>The United States (U.S.) welcomes the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Health Statistics. The U.S. endorses and supports the need for timely and reliable statistics for both current policy decisions and for future public health emergencies, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The U.S. also supports the efforts around health equity monitoring and expansion of use of secondary health data, including the use of routine health information systems particularly in the form of electronic health records.</p> <p>The U.S. also agrees with the conclusions of the Health Data Governance Summit regarding the need for high-quality health data to inform policy and progress towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and for the importance of strong data governance frameworks.</p> <p>The underpinnings of the WHO excess death methodology are consistent with current methodology used to generate estimates for the U.S. Excess death data have provided critical understanding of the direct and indirect impacts of COVID-19 on mortality and we support the continued and consistent measurement of this important indicator.</p>	
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