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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 Network of Economic Statisticians and have valued the opportunity to actively participate in the establishment of the network, its terms of reference, and its proposed activities and deliverables for its programme of work in 2022.</p> <p>We welcome the Network’s role to foster collaboration and user consultation, and to enable, challenge, and transform the current system through experimentation, proto-typing, and the sharing of best practices, lessons-learned, and new strategies for innovation. We also believe the Network can amplify existing initiatives that may be taking place in a country or region to mainstream and support those efforts worldwide. We think progress to date on the Network has been robust, with the development of terms of reference for the Network’s operational structure, and the establishment of the first two thematic sprints on Data Access and Beyond GDP. We look forward to our continued involvement in the Network’s thematic sprints, including our co-leadership on the Beyond GDP Sprint.</p> <p>We endorse the terms of reference and the programme of work for 2022. The focus of the Network to enable horizontal coordination is of particular interest to ensure that cutting-edge, as well as cross-cutting, priorities are identified and addressed through current committees or through a thematic Network sprint. The Sprints establish baselines on thematic areas that can be used to determine the next appropriate steps to move the initiative forward. The initial programme of work – on Data Access and Beyond GDP – are central to maintaining and expanding relevant economic statistics for the future needs of our user community. Lastly, we appreciate that the aim of the Network is to remain streamlined, agile, and fluid to focus on issues as they arise and to keep its focus on those prioritized efforts that add new value to the System and our user community.</p>	
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