

Mr. Chair,

Speaking from the Chair of Fiji, I also speak on behalf of the 12 Pacific Island UN member countries national statistical offices.

Mr Chair,

We acknowledge with much appreciation, the work put in by the Friends of the Chair group on the evaluation of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme.

The report gives the necessary background information of the ICP project, its governance structure and the major initial findings.

We support the proposed recommendations in Section V, and also endorse the proposed procedure for completing Part II of the International Comparison Programme evaluation report (Section IV).

Thank you Mr. Chair