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The Director-General

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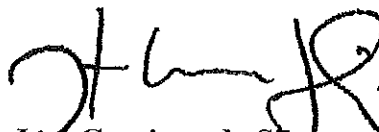
Dear Mr Liu,

I have the pleasure to refer to Mr Wu's letter dated 23 March 2017 concerning the adherence of the UN Statistical System to the "Principles Governing International Statistical Activities", and in which UN agencies were invited to reaffirm their commitment to these principles.

As Director-General of one of the signatory organizations, I very much welcome this initiative for a higher level commitment in the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In this regard, I wish to assure you that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is fully committed to complying with the Principles at all stages of our statistical operations and to integrating the associated practices within our work in accordance with FAO Rules and Regulations.

Yours sincerely,



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