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Dear Mr. Wu,

Allow me to express my sincere gratitude for your leadership in taking the "Principles Governing International Statistical Activities," forward to enhance the functioning of the international statistical system and encouraging leading members of the Chiefs Executive Board to follow suit. On behalf of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), I would like express our full commitment to comply with the "Principles Governing International Statistical Activities."

Recognizing the importance of ensuring quality data and statistics are regularly produced, comparable and accessible to monitor our global commitments on key aspects of gender equality and women's empowerment, UN-Women is committed to maintaining high quality international statistical standards in all areas of our work. We will ensure that these principles are adhered to by our staff and are fully endorsed by all our offices, in the field and at UN-Women headquarters. Furthermore, we will ensure that these principles are embodied within UN-Women's next Strategic Plan 2018-2020.

We look forward to working together with the UN statistical community to ensure the timely implementation of these principles to ensure gender-responsive localization and effective monitoring of the 2030 Agenda.

Yours Sincerely,

Phumzile Młambo-Ngcuka Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director

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