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Dear Hongbo,

Thank you very much for bringing the "Principles Governing International Statistical Activities" to the attention of all members of the Chief Executives Board. There is no doubt that the UN System should hold itself to the highest standards in terms of the development of statistical methodologies, the compilation of statistics and their dissemination. This includes through ensuring quality and transparency across all work in this field.

As an active member of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities, we supported the drafting of these principles and are fully committed to adhering to them.

We look forward to continue to work closely together with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and all partners on this important issue and many others of common interest.

I look forward to seeing you soon again!

Best wishes

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