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The Director-General

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Dear Under-Secretary-General,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 23 March 2017, by which you invite UNESCO to express its commitment to the "Principles Guiding Statistical Activities of International Organizations".

UNESCO is committed fully to adhering to these principles, including through its UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), the official statistical body of the Organization, which is a trusted source of internationally-comparable data on education, the sciences, culture and communication. UIS applies rigorous professional standards, to produce high-quality data, methodologies and global standards, in accordance with current UN Rules and Regulations.

I appreciate your commitment to ensuring that these principles are reflected in the work and practices of the UN Statistical System.

Yours sincerely,

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