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Dear Mr. WU,

I have the pleasure to refer to your letter dated 23 March 2017 concerning the adherence of the UN Statistical System to the “Principles Governing International Statistical Activities” and inviting UN agencies to reaffirm their commitment to these principles.

As chief executive of one of the signatory organizations, I very much welcome your initiative for a higher level commitment in the context of the 2014 General Assembly resolution.

The Statistics Division of UNIDO collects, compiles and disseminates worldwide industrial statistics in line with the mandate given by the UN Statistics Commission. We provide Member States with high-quality and policy-relevant data essential to the formulation of their development programmes and analysis of industrial performance. Our activities were recently extended to the global monitoring of a number of indicators related to SDG 9 – Industrialization.

On behalf of UNIDO, I hereby confirm our full commitment to the “Principles Governing International Statistical Activities” and our compliance with these principles at all stages of our statistical operations.

Yours sincerely,

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