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Dear Mr Wu,

I should like to thank you for your letter of 23 March 2017 regarding the UN “Principles Governing International Statistical Activities”. I would like to take the opportunity as Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) to re-affirm that WHO remains fully committed to compliance with the “Principles Guiding Statistical Activities of International Organizations” and practices in our work, in accordance with our current rules and regulations and WHO policies regarding the clearance and publication of its official statistics.

I note that the principles followed by WHO are in full alignment with the UN “Principles Guiding Statistical Activities of International Organizations”, which in turn are consistent with the 2014 resolution passed by the UN General Assembly on the fundamental principles of official statistics.

Yours sincerely,

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