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- Indonesia recognizes the importance of robust and inclusive statistical systems as essential foundations for informed decision-making and effective policy implementation. Accordingly, we fully endorse Draft Recommendation 1, which calls for increased political and financial support to strengthen such systems. - Furthermore, we express our support for Draft Recommendation 2, advocating for a whole-of-society approach to ensure inclusivity and that no one is left behind. In Indonesia, this commitment is exemplified by initiatives such as the Statistical Society Forum (Forum Masyarakat Statistik, FMS). This non-structural and independent platform significantly contributes to enhancing the quality of official statistics. The FMS comprises senior statisticians from BPS-Statistics Indonesia, subject matter experts in various fields (such as statistics, economics, and agriculture), academics, policymakers, and representatives of civil society. The forum convenes regularly to provide recommendations aimed at improving the quality of statistics produced by BPS-Statistics Indonesia. - Additionally, to promote data literacy within academia and foster a whole-of-society approach, Indonesia has introduced the "Pojok Statistik" (Statistics Corner) initiative at universities. This initiative engages stakeholders and enhances data literacy, further strengthening the inclusivity and effectiveness of our statistical systems. - Indonesia endorses Draft Recommendation 3, which calls on governments to develop strategic data visions. This aligns with Indonesia's One Data Indonesia initiative, which aims to produce accurate, up-to-date, integrated, and accessible data that is effectively shared between central and regional institutions. Indonesia firmly believes that robust partnerships between political leaders and technical experts are essential for effective data governance that drives national development. - Indonesia supports Draft Decision 1 to promote a whole-of-society approach and recognizes the importance of sharing national experiences to advance the implementation of the Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind. To further enhance these efforts, Indonesia proposes the establishment of regional thematic groups to address specific issues. This approach would ensure more focused and structured collaboration among member states. - Indonesia fully supports Draft Decision 2, which aims to strengthen national data partnerships and establish user advisory groups. Such initiatives are recognized as pivotal in improving both the quality and accessibility of data, thereby fostering more effective decision-making processes.

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