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Agenda 3: Emerging issue: agile statistical systems that are fit for the future.

STATEMENT

Armenia recognizes that robust, flexible, and responsive statistical systems are essential for addressing emerging challenges in a rapidly changing world. To this end, we are focusing on three key priorities:

1. **Establishing the National Statistical System (NSS)**

The introduction of the new Law on Official Statistics in April 2018, fully aligned with the Generic Law on Official Statistics (GLOS), marked a significant milestone for Armenia. This law emphasizes the establishment of a National Statistical System (NSS), mandating that multiple government agencies serve as producers of official statistics.

Currently, the NSS includes Armstat (the main producer), the Central Bank, and the Ministry of Finance. However, transitioning to a multi-producer system presents notable challenges, including:

- Lack of motivation among government agencies to assume the role of official data producers,
- Limited resources and funding to support this transition, and
- The need for enhanced coordination mechanisms.

Despite these obstacles, Armstat is committed to leading the development of the NSS to meet the growing demand for timely, reliable, and disaggregated data.

2. **Fostering Innovation and Inclusion. Modernizing Data Infrastructure.**

Armstat is widely using administrative data sources for the production of official statistics and making efforts to register-based statistical system following the model of Scandinavian countries.

In this context, Armstat has developed a Concept Note for the establishment of a **digital integrated administrative registers system** in Armenia. Earlier this year, the introduction of an **e-reporting system** marked a major step forward in digitizing and modernizing our statistical processes.

Nonetheless, challenges persist, particularly in the use of non-traditional data sources, such as satellite imagery, big data, and privately held datasets. Despite these hurdles, Armenia remains focused on generating granular and inclusive data to inform equitable and effective policy interventions.

3. **Capacity Building Across Agencies. Coordination and Harmonization.**

A multi-producer system requires robust mechanisms for coordination and standardization to ensure consistency and avoid duplication. Establishing clear protocols for data collection, validation, and dissemination is critical to these efforts.

To address these issues, Armstat is:

- **Investing in capacity-building initiatives** for government agencies, with a focus on leveraging modern technologies and statistical methodologies.
- **Strengthening cooperation with stakeholders** to enhance its leading and coordinating role within the NSS.

Looking Ahead

Armenia is steadfast in its commitment to building a statistical system that is agile, inclusive, and responsive to societal needs. Empowering multiple agencies to produce official statistics will not only improve the breadth and quality of our data but will also enable us to deliver evidence-based policies.

Looking forward, Armenia remains dedicated to sustaining these advancements and adapting its statistical systems to meet the challenges of tomorrow. Agile governance, evidence-based policymaking, and a data-driven approach are not merely aspirations; they are imperatives for Armenia's economic and social resilience.