

Joint statement on agenda item 3 (e) Quality assurance in the global statistical system; document E/CN.3/2017/8 Report of the Secretary-General on quality assurance in the global statistical system

“I am providing a joint statement on behalf of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA), which consists of 45 international and supranational organizations promoting the inter-agency coordination and cooperation on statistics.

The Members of the Committee:

- WELCOME the proposed work programme of the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks for the next two years and its updated terms of reference;
- ARE COMMITTED to producing high quality international statistics and to ensuring their access to all interested users, in compliance with:
 - the Principles Governing International Statistical Activities developed by the CCSA;
 - the United Nations Statistics Quality Assurance Framework (UNSQAF) developed and agreed by the Chief Statisticians of the UN System, provided as background document to this session of the Commission; and
 - the specific quality assurance frameworks that guide their own work in the compilation of international statistics;
- ARE ALSO COMMITTED to actively support Member States to generate and disseminate data and statistics in the different domains according to international standards;
- REAFFIRM their readiness to work closely with the Expert Group to develop quality assurance guidelines in support of global data reporting for the SDG indicators.”