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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

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CODE	E/CN.3/2019/5
ITEM	Report of the Friends of the Chair Group on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and on Open data
POINT OF DISCUSSION:	<p>(a) To express its views on the document containing the <u>results of the global survey on self-assessment</u> by countries on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles and on open data;</p> <p>(b) To express its views on the document on data interoperability and open data entitled “<u>Data interoperability: a practitioner’s guide to joining up data in the development sector</u>”;</p> <p>(c) To review and approve the document <u>supplementing the guidelines for the implementation of the Fundamental Principles</u>;</p> <p>(d) To review and approve the document on the <u>implementation of open data</u>;</p> <p>(e) To review and approve the proposal to consider the work of the Friends of the Chair group concluded for the present round, but to be resumed in time for the next appraisal, in 2024, and for a working group to be established in order to continue the work on open data, which would present its work at the fifty-first session of the Commission and every two years thereafter.</p>
MALAYSIA’S FEEDBACK	
<p>Thank you Mr/Madame Honorable chair, Ladies and Gentlemen.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Malaysia would like to share our views on the Report of the Friends of the Chair (FOC) Group on the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and Open data. 2. Malaysia as a member of this group would like to extend our appreciation and congratulations to the members for completing the task within the stipulated timeline. All members have contributed their best practices, case studies, peer reviews has been conducted under the national projects to develop the background documents on the implementation of the Fundamental Principle of Official Statistics and Open Data. 3. Malaysia has shared its input for both work stream of FOC namely: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Participate in the self-assessment of the implementation of the Fundamental Principles questionnaire in 2018; ii. ASEAN Code of Practice (CoP) which was developed based on the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (UNSC 1994) in 2012 and the results of the self-assessment in 	

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the implementation of FPOS by the AMS; and
iii. The guideline and Malaysia's experiences in the implementation of Open data.

4. We hope the supporting documents will serve as a guideline for the NSOs in producing reliable, coherent, accuracy, comparability and transparency within the framework of FPOS. **However we must also take note, among the challenges of FPOS in current data revolution and big data era is producing the small area estimation.**
5. We agreeable to the suggestion to establish a working group on open data to work further to support the 2030 agenda. *Malaysia is keen to join the working group and share our best practices.

Thank you Chair.