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Dear Colleague,

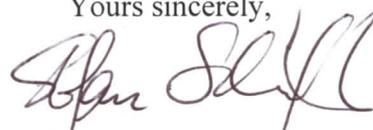
**ECOSOC takes action on the Report
of the 48th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission
New York, 7 June 2017**

I am very pleased to inform you that the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) adopted today the resolution entitled “Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, which the Statistical Commission had adopted earlier this year at its session in March. As you surely recall, the resolution contains the Global SDG Indicator Framework. Moreover, the resolution, outlines specific areas of work for the Commission’s Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG indicators (IAEG-SDG), including criteria for further work on refining the indicators. Another key component of the resolution focuses on the statistical capacity building needs to allow national statistical systems to fully address the data requirements of the 2030 Agenda.

This is an important achievement, for the global statistical community, of which we may be rightfully proud. Collectively, we complied with the difficult and challenging task given by the General Assembly to develop the global indicator framework for the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda; and we did so with hard work and professional focus. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed to this important milestone in many ways over the past two years. The resolution now moves before the UN General Assembly, where we hope to obtain support from the highest political level for our work, including the implementation of the Commission’s Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data.

The Council also decided that the forty-ninth session of the Statistical Commission will be held in New York from 6 to 9 March 2018. As in the past, all heads of national statistical offices are welcome to attend the Commission meeting and all related side events. I look forward to your continued engagement in the global statistical community. For additional information on the resolution, the Statistical Commission and the work of the UN Statistics Division, please refer to <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/>

Yours sincerely,



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