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**DOHA DATA FORUM FOR INCLUSIVE DATA ECOSYSTEMS AND EFFECTIVE
DECISION MAKING**

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Video Statement

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His Excellency Mr. Saleh Mohamed Al Nabit,

Dear statistical colleagues and friends,

I wanted to thank you for the kind invitation to participate in this important “Doha Data Forum for Inclusive Data Ecosystems and Effective Decision Making”.

Unfortunately, I am not able to participate in person, but I am honoured to address this Forum through this video. I am very pleased to see so many partners from the data community in the region gathered to discuss the drivers of holistic, robust and scalable data systems.

We urgently need more partnerships, innovation and inclusivity to maximize the value of data and better anticipate, prevent, and respond to complex issues such as inequality, climate change and gender equality – especially in fragile and hard-to-reach contexts, leaving no one behind.

The SDG Summit attended by Heads of State and Government recently marked a new phase of accelerated progress towards the 2030 Agenda and SDGs. It was gratifying to see commitment at the highest political level to recognize the power of data and invest into data to support the transformative and accelerated actions in the lead up to 2030.

We count on your support as we gather further momentum with the data and statistics agenda during the rest of 2023 and into 2024. Starting with the holding of the Data Festival in Punta del Este, Uruguay in November this year; Then we have the United Nations Statistical Commission in February 2024 which will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, our common professional guiding ethics in official statistics; And at the end of next year, we will meet at the fifth World Data Forum in Medellin, Colombia.

We hope you can participate and contribute to many of these events to help realize the potential of data for people, planet, prosperity and peace.

In concluding, let me congratulate the Planning and Statistics Authority of Qatar for organizing this highly relevant and important forum and thank them as members of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Their contribution to this group's important work will carry the voice of the subregion into important Statistical Commission debates on the planning of data and statistics for the second half of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

I wish you all the best for the event.