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The Statistical Commission:

- (a) Warmly welcomed the report of the Secretary General on World Statistics Day;
- (b) Endorsed 20 October 2010 as the date for the first World Statistics Day;
- (c) Endorsed the general theme of “Celebrating the Many Achievements of Official Statistics” and the core values of service, integrity and professionalism, while recognizing that each country may develop their national theme taking into account national priorities and circumstances;
- (d) Requested the Secretary-General to communicate with all Heads of Government conveying a message regarding the importance of Official Statistics, emphasizing the need to provide sufficient support by national governments to the national statistical systems and requesting member states to observe World Statistics Day;
- (e) Urged all Member States to observe World Statistics Day and to organize this day not only in cooperation with all institutes of the National Statistical System, but also with researchers, academia, media and other users of statistics;
- (f) Requested UNSD to prepare a repository and resource kit on statistics day celebrations and activities and make these available on a designated website;
- (g) Took note with appreciation of the initiatives that have been planned in observance of World Statistics Day at regional and international level;
- (h) Requested UNSD to report back to the Commission on the experiences of the 2010 World Statistics Day at its 42nd session in order to discuss the periodicity of the event.