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To: Ms. Munkhtuya Altangerel
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Dear Ms. Altangerel,

On behalf of National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat) I would like to express sincere respect to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Your valuable support to Geostat has played a key role for developing statistical capacity and harmonizing statistical methods and standards with international norms.

Let me kindly inform you that National Statistics Office is planning to develop long term strategy for 2019-2023 years. It should be noted that the first National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS) was developed for the period 2011-2014 with the assistance of the World Bank. The strategy of 2011-2014 was one of the items requested in the statistical chapter 289 of the EU-Georgia "Action Plan 2014-2016" produced in the framework of the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP).

The main objective in preparing the NSDS is to develop a unified and comprehensive National Statistical System (NSS) for the collection, management, dissemination and utilization of official statistics in the country.

In order to maintain its progress, I would like to ask you to provide with expert support to establish an up-to-date development strategy for the next 5 years. Furthermore, UNDP's assistance in recruiting and providing with qualified international consultant and local expert, who will work in close coordination with respective personnel from Geostat will be essential for drafting and developing strategy document. UNDP's technical assistance is a unique opportunity to learn more about international practice and standards in the domain and for planning future work on the basis of list of recommendations.

Geostat highly appreciates the existing productive cooperation with UNDP. We are confident that our mutual cooperation will be effective and will contribute to development of the national statistical system.

Sincerely Yours,

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