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Dear Prof. Grażyna Dehnel,

I would like to express our gratitude to the Statistics Department at the Poznań University of Economics and Business for its role in hosting the recent 2021 Joint UNECE/Eurostat Expert Meeting on Statistical Data Confidentiality.

We were impressed by the level and the quality of support that you and your colleagues gave to this event. Indeed, all participants who completed the evaluation questionnaire gave a positive rating for the organization of the event, with all in-person attendees highly rating the on-site facilities provided to them. Moreover, we were delighted by the warmth with which participants were welcomed in Poznań.

There were 168 participants in total, either online or in-person, including representatives from 31 countries, as well as others representing the private sector, NGOs, and a considerable number of academic institutions. These statistical confidentially meetings are an important bridge between government statisticians and the academic world, and given the close links that PUEB has to official statistics, it was an ideal venue for this meeting.

This meeting has provided a range of benefits for the international statistical community, for example by sharing best practices and discoveries, which are cornerstones in dealing with the challenges of statistical disclosure limitation. Confidentiality of individual data is one of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, which have been endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly.

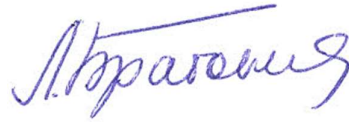
The meeting helped the UNECE High-level Group for Modernization of Official Statistics to raise awareness among the participants of relevant initiatives in this field, including the guide on the use of synthetic data for national statistical offices, and the updates from our project on input privacy preservation techniques, which were both presented.

Additionally, the meeting allowed the exchange of ideas to establish priorities for future international work in the field of statistical confidentiality, and it has also helped to sustain

and stimulate a community of professionals within this subject area, allowing them to strengthen their relationships and to provide opportunities for further collaboration.

We thank you for your vital contribution to the overall success of this event.

Yours sincerely,



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