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Commitment on Confidence in Statistics

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia, taking into account

- That reliable statistical data are one of the key elements enabling decision-makers, public administration, the private sector and the people of Slovenia to make informed decisions,
- That the credibility of national statistics is one of the necessary conditions for trust in measures adopted and implemented by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia,
- That the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter: SURS) and other institutions responsible for developing, producing and disseminating European statistics in Slovenia are part of the European Statistical System in line with Regulation (EC) No. 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European Statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No. 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities (OJ L No. 87 of 31 March 2009, p. 164), amended for the last time with Regulation (EU) 2015/759 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics (OJ L 123 of 19 May 2015, p. 90) (hereinafter: Regulation 223/2009/EC),
- That European statistics are developed, produced and disseminated in line with the principles laid down in Article 338 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Article 7 of Regulation 223/2009/EC and further elaborated in the European Statistics Code of Practice (hereinafter: the Code),
- That the Code is based on fifteen principles combined into three areas: institutional environment, statistical processes, and statistical output,
- That the necessary condition for ensuring and maintaining confidence in statistics is strict adherence to and implementation of the principles of the Code, particularly the institutional environment,
- That in Slovenia the appropriate institutional environment is provided by implementing the principles of professional independence, adequacy of resources, mandate for data collection, statistical confidentiality, impartiality and objectivity as set out in the National Statistics Act, the Government of the Republic of Slovenia Act and the Civil Servants Act,
- That Regulation 223/2009/EC sets out commitments on confidence in statistics as an additional mechanism for ensuring public confidence in European statistics,

Accepts the commitment that with its political and regulatory actions it shall

- Provide conditions for the functioning of Slovenian national statistics in line with the Code,
- Support SURS and other producers of national statistics in maintaining public confidence in their work, including appropriate actions, if necessary,
- Maintain professional independence of Slovenian national statistics and the head of SURS, and provide conditions guaranteeing to the head of SURS the right and obligation to manage professional and methodological issues relating to national statistics,
- Take into account that for maintaining and improving the quality and extent of Slovenian national statistics appropriate financial and human resources are necessary,
- Defend the right of producers of national statistics and provide conditions for free usage of data from all existing sources for implementing the activity of national statistics in line with current legislation,
- Encourage administrative and other state authorities, public service providers and bodies exercising public authority, and authorised producers collecting statistical data in their fields of work that are not covered in the program of statistical surveys to obtain SURS's opinion before introducing new data collections or setting up records that could be the source of data for national statistics and to take into account the initiatives and proposals to supplement the existing records and data collections,
- Ensure the protection of any information given by data providers and collected in line with the National Statistics Act, and its exclusive use for the statistical purpose,
- Ensure to all users equal and simultaneous access to statistical data, and
- Ensure to SURS that it will be actively involved in the procedures of preparing national legislative acts and in the procedures of preparing positions of the Republic of Slovenia regarding legislative acts of the EU that could have impact on the implementation of national statistics in Slovenia.

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