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Statement by Lithuania

Following our previously conveyed position, we wish to bring forward a single comment concerning the deletion of Article 17b, subsection 5. Lithuania maintains the perspective that this particular segment should be expunged, as has been previously conveyed through formal consultations. With the full backing of the National Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania (Seimas), we hold that data of a privately held nature, as well as data derived from diverse sources, acquired explicitly for the purpose of official statistics, should ideally be made accessible to the National Statistical Institute (NSI) without the imposition of unwarranted conditions or the request for compensation for expenses incurred by the proprietors of such private data.