

Aporte 2

Organismo: Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for the good practice of submitting this for comments. Kindly find below some comments on the law.

- Article 2: Should reference the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. It may be that they are just referred to without listing them out. If there are future changes to the FPOS then the law would not become outdated if it just refers to these principles (as the most recent revised version).
- A definition or reference to the term “official statistics” should be included. Although implicitly stated in par. h/art.8/Chap I/Title II that official statistics are those certified by the NSO, ideally the statistical law should provide a clear and straightforward definition. Having a concrete definition of official statistics provides clarity on what should be coordinated and will facilitate setting the basis for collaboration with new actors of the extended data ecosystem. The OECD definition could be used in this regard.
- Chapter IV definition of the National Statistical Council should be put up front. There are a great deal of references to the National Statistical Council prior to Chapter IV. It would seem to flow better this way.
- There is no article under Chapter IV that defines the competence of the representatives of the sectors on the council. Some qualification for those representatives as being competent in statistical areas of their sectors should be provided.
- Under budgeting Chapter IV (note there is a mis-numbering in the English version should actually be Chapter V), Article 26, we would add an item - (c) modernization and investment in the National Statistical System - Article 27: “make necessary investments [and modernization] for the attainment of its objective. (add [and modernization]):
- For the English translation we would recommend using the word “governed” as opposed to “ruled” but that may not be relevant.
- Title II – Chap I – Art. 8 (a) – we would suggest to briefly specify which activities of the NSS are to be led, managed, performed and supervised by the NSO. For example, activities for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics. This will help to clarify the coordination functions of the NSO.
- Article 4 – include also the following under composition of NSS: NSS Bicameral Monitoring Commission, NSS Council, NSS respondents (households, businesses) that are respondents to statistical collections such as surveys, censuses
- Article 5 – the term statistical agencies may be more appropriately termed “statistical services” to be consistent with Article 4 on NSS composition

- Article 8b – the term “statistics” may need to include “official” to be clear on the scope of regulation
- Article 8h – provides for INDEC to “certify statistical quality concerning official statistics production processes of public and private entities” however, nowhere in the law does it state private entities are part of the NSS. It is also not clear whether private entities produce official statistics in the country
- Article 8m – the mention of “financial assistance to bodies in NSS” may need a related provision in Article 26 to indicate that INDEC resources could also be used to assist other NSS bodies
- Articles 8j and 8l seems related; suggest to merge; it would also be good to mention some of these studies may be undertaken in collaboration with other data producers (as recommended in GLOS Article
- The function of the NSS Council as defined in Article 20 is “advisory and consultative” however in Article 22 its function include some decision-making (i.e., Article 22b, c, d, f, g). Further, Article 23 provides for voting power of the council which may mean the decision/s of the council will be binding to NSS. If this what is meant by Article 22b,c,d,f,g and Article 23, then perhaps Article 20 may need to be revised to “policy and/or governing body”
- Article 17 Powers and Responsibilities of Director General are too specific and lengthy, might be good to integrate some of the responsibilities particularly those relating to organization and management of INDEC. Responsibilities relating to setting standards and ensuring harmonization in the NSS should be clearly reflected
- Chapter 2 should include an Article defining other producers of data in the NSS. It is not clear whether the statistical services in National Public Sector are producers of official data. Further, the responsibilities of other data producers as well as the relations with INDEC should also be included (see GLOS Article 7 recommendations)
- Suggest to add Articles on:
 - Definitions (see Generic Law on Official Statistics/GLOS Article 2 recommendations) – terms such as statistical purposes, statistical service,
 - Role/responsibility of technical director since this was mentioned in Articles 12-15

We hope these are useful and look forward to the next steps.

Best regards,

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