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Statement provided by: Chile	
Statement: We appreciate and value the work of the Statistical Commission, whose cooperation and meetings have provided us with an opportunity to learn about international experiences, especially those related to the COVID-19 pandemic, in the space provided by the International Comparison Program (ICP). The last two years have been a time of great challenge for statistical offices. In meetings with representatives of the OECD-EUROSTAT group and member countries, we have learned of different strategies for facing the crisis, as well as of the circumstances and difficulties of other countries. As a participant in the ICP, Chile presented measures implemented during 2020 and 2021, when sanitary restrictions required the use of alternatives to face-to-face data collection and the extension of the collection period, among other measures. For example, Chile was facing restrictions on mobility for international and domestic travel while trying to collect data on air fares for the period requested by the OECD. However, because the prices for the requested period did not represent actual consumption, collection was postponed until conditions permitted. This decision was taken to guarantee that the data were sufficiently complete and robust and that they met the quality standards for the calculation of Purchasing Power Parity (PPP). Given these experiences, in addition to international feedback and learning about the situation in other countries, our country is encouraging the continuation of the PPP project as well as the use of the document "Purchasing Power Parities for Policy Making: A Visual Guide to Using Data from the International Comparison Program" by those responsible for making public policies and by other interested users, through the means of communication available to the National Statistics Institute of Chile.	
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