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PRESS RELEASE

To: The Media

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Re: Press Release – Roles and Responsibilities of the Anguilla Statistics Department

The Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD) is a department in the Government of Anguilla guided by its mandate as set out in the Revised Statutes of Anguilla, Chapter S60 - Statistics Act 2004.

As set out in the Act, Section 2 – Duties of Department of Statistics shall be:

- a) to collect, compile, analyse, abstract and publish statistical information relative to the commercial, industrial, social, economic and general activities and conditions of the people who are the inhabitants of Anguilla;
- b) to collaborate with all other departments of Government and with local authorities in the collection, computation and publication of statistical records of administration;
- c) to take any census in Anguilla; and
- d) generally to organize a coordinated scheme of social and economic statistics and intelligence pertaining to Anguilla;

Within that said Act, section 17 – Major offences which govern the conduct and behaviour of staff as it relates to the unlawful disclosure of information.

The Department adheres to the United Nations (UN) Fundamentals Principles of Official Statistics which have stood the test of time, since their implementation some twenty-five years ago, after their adoption by United Nations Statistical Division and Statistics Offices around the world in 1994. The Principles seek to provide guidelines for National Statistical Offices to follow, to ensure a high level of independence of the National Statistical System. The ten (10) principles which rely on best practices clearly outline behaviours that ensure professionalism of official statisticians and the work they undertake.

Principle 2 to paraphrase, states that statistical agencies must decide according to strictly professional considerations, including scientific principles and professional ethics, on the methods and procedures for the collection, processing, storage and presentation of statistical data.

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The quality of official statistics available to the Government, the economy and the public depends largely on the cooperation of citizens, enterprises, and other respondents in providing appropriate and reliable data needed for necessary statistical compilations and on the cooperation between users and producers of statistics in order to meet users' needs.

The data received from respondents are used solely for the basis of statistical compilations of official statistics. Principle 6 clearly outlines that individual data collected by statistical agencies for statistical compilation, whether they refer to natural or legal persons, are to be strictly confidential and used exclusively for statistical purposes. This is a principle that over the past 15 years the ASD has continued to adhere to as the fragility of breaking that trust with respondents is ever clearly apparent in small islands states such as Anguilla.

The ASD appreciates the co-operation of all businesses in Anguilla that continue to ensure that Anguilla produces "Sound Statistics for Sustainable Development".

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