



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY BOARD

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**ADOPTING THE UNITED NATIONS
NATIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE FRAMEWORKS (NQAF)
FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS**

WHEREAS, on 08 February 2012, the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) endorsed the NQAF template and guidelines which provide the general structure within which countries can formulate and operationalize national data quality frameworks of their own or further enhance existing ones;

WHEREAS, in its 48th session in March 2017, the UNSC agreed to update the generic United Nations NQAF template and guidelines adopted in 2012 to address the new challenges posed by an enlarged data ecosystem and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

WHEREAS, in its 50th Session on 06 March 2019, the UNSC welcomed and adopted the UN NQAF Manual for Official Statistics (UN NQAF Manual) as an updated tool to provide the general structure for countries that choose to formulate and operationalize their own national quality frameworks;

WHEREAS, the general purpose of the UN NQAF is to provide a coherent and holistic system for statistical quality management which assures trust and quality of official statistics;

WHEREAS, one of the major statistical development programs indicated in the Philippine Statistical Development Program 2018-2023 is the development of the Philippine Statistical Quality Assurance Framework (PSQAF) to develop and instill a quality culture in the Philippine Statistical System (PSS), promote more transparent statistical business processes as well as support statistical capacity development and encourage dialogue on quality challenges and opportunities within the PSS;

WHEREAS, some existing quality assurance mechanisms are already in place in the PSS, however, the Philippines does not have its own NQAF to guide the PSS and other data producing government agencies in ensuring quality of statistical products and processes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the PSA Board approve the adoption of the UN NQAF with UNSC Document Number E/CN.3/2019/6 ([https://unstats.un.org/unsd/dnss/docs-nqaf/UN NQAF Manual-Unedited manuscript of 3 May 2019.pdf](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/dnss/docs-nqaf/UN_NQAF_Manual-Unedited_manuscript_of_3_May_2019.pdf))

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BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) shall:

- spearhead the formulation of the PSQAF:
 - in consultation with PSS member agencies; and
 - to be made consistent with the UN NQAF and the ASEAN Code of Practice;
 - to be presented for approval of the PSA Board in the second quarter of 2020; and
- circulate the PSQAF to PSS member agencies and conduct activities to encourage baseline agency self-assessments vis-à-vis the PSQAF.

Approved this 13th day of August 2019, in Pasig City.



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