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PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

Country Statement

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Mr. Chair,

The Philippines reaffirms its strong support for the proposed actions on the global climate agenda, specifically in addressing monitoring gaps. As a nation highly susceptible to the adverse impacts of climate change, we wholeheartedly appreciate the call for concrete measures on this pressing issue.

Recognizing the pivotal role of national statistical offices in providing accurate data, the Philippines acknowledges the existing challenges in measuring the impacts and progress of climate change. Therefore, we agree that investing in statistical capacity is paramount in making well-informed decisions and expediting climate action in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Philippines commends the efforts of the Statistical Commission in assisting countries in developing climate change statistics and tailored indicators that align with their specific requirements. We understand the significance of adhering to the Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators and are actively engaged in initiatives to compile them. While we are yet to establish air and water emissions accounts based on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting Central Framework, we are open to exploring these domains and would greatly appreciate any guidance provided.

At present, the Philippines, through the Philippine Statistics Authority, is actively compiling water, minerals, and energy accounts for the country.

Furthermore, we are involved in research and development endeavors to compile material flow, timber asset, energy flow, biodiversity, mangrove, disaster risk reduction expenditure, and land asset accounts. Additionally, under the guidance of the United Nations Statistics Division, we are implementing a project titled, "Environmental-Economic Accounting for Evidence-based Policy in Africa and Asia," which aims to overcome technical and institutional barriers to routinely producing environmental-economic accounts.

The Philippines also concurs that collective action is indispensable for effectively addressing the challenges posed by climate change. Consequently, we are committed to collaborating with our partners throughout the national data ecosystem to establish priorities and implement initiatives. Recently, we established the Technical Working Group on Climate Change and Disaster-Related Statistics (TWG-CCDS) to address data gaps and concerns relevant to climate change adaptation, mitigation, and disaster risk reduction management in our planning and policymaking processes.

The Philippines firmly believes that through effective collaboration and partnerships, we can pool our resources and expertise to accelerate our efforts towards achieving a climate-resilient future in the region.

Thank you.
