Honourable Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen

1. Malaysia acknowledged the efforts of all partners to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) that add value to national efforts to strengthen statistics for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in support of the collective vision and framework for action. The collaborative partners' efforts in five action areas are beneficial and effective for Asia and the Pacific countries in strengthening sustainable development statistics.

2. In Action Area A: Engaging users and investing in statistics, the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) has contributed SDG data related to children from the Malaysia SDG Indicators Report to UNICEF in developing a booklet on Sustainable Development Goal related child rights indicators in 2021.

3. Malaysia welcomes the efforts of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) in organising the Training Course and webinars for the benefit of 15 countries that are members of both OIC and ESCAP. Malaysia has collaborated with SESRIC in organising the training courses and webinars between September 2020 and August 2022 on topics related to Goal SDG 2: Zero Hunger; SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation for all; SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure; and SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Migration

4. Malaysia is a major destination country for migrants mainly due to economic opportunities and part of it due to political, ethnic and religious unrest in the region. DOSM has conducted bi-annual internal migration survey to obtain information related to population movements and flow at state level.
5. The main indicators presented in internal migration survey are population by migration status, internal migration flow, reasons for migration as well as demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of internal migrants such as sex, age group, ethnic group, marital status, educational attainment, strata, occupation and industry.

6. International migration is the movement of people in and out to or from Malaysia. Criteria for migrant stocks measurement in Malaysia is only having foreign citizenship who reside in Malaysia for six months or more in the reference year.

7. Administrative registers are the main source for international migration statistics since 2014. It consists of:
   o Work permits from Immigration Department of Malaysia;
   o Students visa from Ministry of Education;
   o Population registers and registers of foreign citizens from National Registration Department; and
   o Refugees and asylum seekers from The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

8. DOSM has received regular statistics on international migrants on monthly basis from Immigration Department of Malaysia, which is one of the inputs for quarterly and annually population estimates. Nevertheless, Malaysia requires technical assistance on the compilation of undocumented/illegal immigrants.

Thank You.

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