Pakistan’s Statement for Speaker

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Development partners play vital role in implementation of initiatives by global, regional, and subregional organizations for collective vision and framework for advancing official statistics for 2030 agenda for sustainable development. The highlights out of these collective efforts for five action areas, are highly appreciated. The participation and contributions of international partners and donors for the improvements in data collection activities to meet the 2030 agenda, are acknowledged. The in-hand prepared document comprising of highlights of recent efforts of international partners to support the collective vision and framework for action to meet the 2030 agenda, is highly appreciated.

The contributions of ILO particularly with respect to improvements in the questionnaire of Labour Force Survey 2020-21 in Pakistan with respect to coverage of 11 SDG indicators, are acknowledged and appreciated. The Pakistan Social and Living Standards Measurement (PSLM) Survey conducted by PBS at Federal level and MICS conducted by Provincial Bureaus of Statistics at provincial levels cover 35 SDG indicators each with some duplication of specific indicators. The support of UNICEF for MICS in Pakistan is also acknowledged regarding improvements in the next survey expected in 2023. The support of UNFPA, UN-Women, SESRIC, UNDP, and other international partners for Pakistan is acknowledged and appreciated.

However, there is need to enhance the international contributions for SDG indicators still missing in the member countries. It is recommended that a comprehensive report on SDG indicators covered in the member countries may be prepared till 2025. The countries remaining behind to cover the SDG indicator(s) must be supported in week or missing areas so that till 2030 at least every regional country must have the required data for every SDG indicator required at country level.