Honourable Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. As one of the Bureau members served for two consecutive terms from 2008 to 2022, Malaysia would like to express its gratitude to the members of the Bureau, the ESCAP Secretariat and the Member States for their support and cooperation in ensuring that every planned statistical activity is completed to a high standard, which promotes the development of the Regional Statistical System of the Asia and Pacific region.

2. Over the intersessional period until the eighth session of the Committee, all of the decisions of the 7th Session Commission were effectively carried out by the Secretariat with the support of the Bureau members. In particular, we notably recognise and appreciate its great efforts in finalising:

   i. Monitoring and evaluation framework for the collective vision and framework for action and the Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind and for its second assessment of the achievement;

   ii. Adapting the Bureau of the Committee on Statistics' terms of reference to the current environmental; and

   iii. Supported training activities for national statistical offices in various formats, including an e-learning course, Stats Cafés, experiences sharing platform, training-of-trainers session, Management Seminar and the development of guidance material for the specific field and developing guidance material for the specific filed of statistics.

Thank You.

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