In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful,

Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran

Second Ministerial Conference on
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At the outset, I would like to extend my huge appreciation to Mr. Chair and thank the Secretariat for its great leadership of the meeting.

Mr. Chair,

We all know providing identity and civil registration and vital statistics are crucial for individuals as well as for society at large. As a matter of fact, CRVS should be considered as one of the components of right to development in general and development of legal identity in particular.

In Sustainable Development Goals Agenda, we emphasized and pledged to leave no country and no one behind. Furthermore, we also reaffirmed the need to work towards an international development cooperation system that recognizes the multidimensional character of development.

Islamic republic of Iran highlights the multilateral collaboration for expanding the CRVS system and underscores the importance of further strengthening cooperation and initiatives, especially in the current international economic environment, respecting the different national realities, policies, priorities and levels of development.

Mr. Chair,

Given the importance of the civil registration and vital statistics, we emphasize that deprivation of financial resources and essential infrastructure due to the imposition of unilateral coercive measures has a direct effect on mobilization of the required resources for achieving the development goals of the targeted States. Most prominent among those goals are national civil registration and vital statistics. In
fact, the right to development and unilateral coercive measures are mutually exclusive.

To enhance the development of CRVS, we reiterate the need for developed countries to fulfill their commitments regarding Official Development Assistance to developing countries. Islamic republic of Iran stresses that investment in infrastructure plays a key role in reducing the cost of development for CRVS.

My delegation is honored to pledge our readiness to work with ESCAP to encourage effective partnerships, to enhance synergies on our joint efforts and common grounds for the realization of the CRVS goals.

Mr. Chair and distinguished delegations,

Regarding all viewpoints mentioned, I would like to conclude that a renewed commitment to multilateralism and global solidarity is urgently needed. The Islamic Republic of Iran calls upon all members to promote development-oriented policies that support sustainability as well as justice through unwavering dedication to promoting multilateral decision-making.

I thank you Mr. Chair