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- H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP!
- H.E. Mr. Chairman, Your Excellencies, ladies, and gentlemen!

Today, I am glad to attend the 2nd Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics whose purpose is to expedite the implementation of Asia and the Pacific regional action framework for efficient civil registration and production of vital statistics.

In Cambodia, civil registration and vital statistics system has been implemented and strengthened through active collaboration between competent civil registrars and health institution and it has generated timely, continuous, high-quality flow of live birth and death data, which helped national and sub-national levels in their decision making, planning and national policy making.

The involvement of The Ministry of Health that has taken an active role in reporting live birth and death that occurred in the health facility to competent civil registrars has enhanced birth and death registration levels and thus the production of good quality, clear and reliable data on causes of death. Furthermore, the Ministry of Health has the duty to ascertain the underlying cause of death following the WHO international form of medical certificate of cause of death 2016 and it has endeavored to sustainably build the capacity of certifying physicians. The Ministry of Health has also strengthened the implementation of mortality coding for death that occurs in a health facility in order to obtain cause of death data to be used together with civil registration data by assigning mortality coding task to health institutions at national level.

Aside from the central role of the health sector to this work, the engagement of multi-stakeholder including the General Department of Identification of the Ministry of Interior, National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning is also necessary and important to enhance the process and improve actions to strengthen civil registration and vital statistics in order to ensure that civil registration and vital statistics system has been improved. It also ensures and that civil registration and cause of death data have been collected in a complete and timely manner while ensuring quality for the

compilation, production, and dissemination of improved vital statistics. Moreover, this also aligns with the law on civil registration, vital statistics, and identification to be adopted in the future and is in line with the United Nations recommendations and other international best practices.

The above has proved that the Royal Government of Cambodia has been trying to improve its civil registration and vital statistics system through interventions and collaborations of relevant stakeholders, together with the leadership of the National Steering Committee for Civil Registration, Vital Statistics, and Identification to implement the 10-year national strategic plan (2017 – 2026), and it continues to be committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Thank you!!!