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Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentleman,

On behalf of the government of Sri Lanka, we would like to thank UN ESCAP and other co-organizing partners for hosting and organising this second ministerial conference, on civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific under the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sri Lanka has a long history of civil registration, which has been started in 1867. Birth, marriage and death certificates are issued at the time of the registration, when applicants visit any civil registration office in the country. Recently an on-line certificates issuing system has been introduced to get their certificates from anywhere in the world.

Sri Lanka is reaching the goal of civil registration of the birth, marriages and death which had occurred in the country and it

is intended to monitor the coverage in the next Census of Population and Housing in 2022. We have planned to fulfill the goal 1 which is civil registration activities and goal 2 issuing certificates for organizing mobile civil registration services by 2024, based on census results.

All births, marriages and deaths certificates issued since 1960 have been converted to electronic format under the e-population programme and it has been introduced the issue of unique personal identity number for every person at the time of the birth and linking with the other government organizations. This number is used for official purposes such as school admission, issuing passports and other official activities.

Mr. Chairman,

We collect vital statistics and prepare the tabulation including cause of the death of the people. We have already planned to collect medically certified cause of death for sudden death with the assistance of the judicial medical officers. The verbal autopsy is used for the other death.

We have planned to tabulate vital statistics on birth, death and disseminate them within two Calendar year period by 2024 to minimize the data gap of vital statistics in Sri Lanka.

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