Written Statement
for the 9th Session of the Committee on Statistics of the ESCAP

Country: Republic of Korea (represented by Statistics Korea)
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1. Agenda 2: Harnessing the power of data to leave no one behind

In recognition of progress made by the member countries and support from the Committee's secretariat and bureau in advancing 'Collective Vision and Framework for Action' and 'Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind', Korea expresses its support for the proposed recommendations and decisions. They align closely with Korea's direction as we strive to build bridges between policy and data. We are evolving our whole-of-government approach into a whole-of-society approach to enhance statistics in this rapidly changing data environment. As a case in point, Statistics Korea has been mobilizing several advisory committees to aid efficient decision making by its Commissioner and to be more responsive in addressing emerging issues within a rapidly evolving policy landscape. One example is the Advisory Committee for Low Fertility Statistics and Indicators, established this year by engaging a broad spectrum of stakeholders including government, private sector, and academia. With its whole-of-society approach, the Committee is making significant strides to improve indicators and enhance their utility for policy purposes.

Korea notes the decrease in financial support to statistics across the Asia Pacific region. Despite this trend, Korea will further expand our statistical support for the region through grant-based assistance, continuing to play an active role in strengthening statistical capacities within our region.