Chair, distinguished delegates and colleagues,

The 2030 Agenda calls on all of us to “leave no one behind.” Data is essential for informing policies and programs that support sustainable development and reduce inequalities. Forcibly displaced and stateless people, who are among the most vulnerable and should not be excluded. Without availability of high-quality, disaggregated data on forcibly displaced and stateless populations, these vulnerable groups may further be put at risk. To avoid this happening, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, together with other stakeholders has been advocating for their inclusion in national statistical systems. Yet, challenges persist in producing SDG indicators disaggregated by forced displacement and statelessness status.

National statistical offices may face technical, operational and human and financial resources barriers to integrate these populations into their frameworks. Without targeted efforts, there is a risk that the visibility of these vulnerable groups in SDG reporting being overlooked. UNHCR stands ready to work with and support national statistical offices, international agencies and other stakeholders to overcome these challenges. In particular, we are ready to support the adoption and implementation of the **International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics (IRRS)**, the **International Recommendations on Internally Displaced Persons Statistics (IRIS)**, and the **International Recommendations on Statelessness Statistics (IROSS)**. Together, we can operationalize the international recommendations, guidelines, manuals, tools and technical support that will help generate reliable statistics and disaggregated indicators.

We recognize the growing interest and goodwill among international agencies and the efforts so far made by several national statistical offices to address these gaps. However, we can do even better in the near future by further strengthening our collaboration. By working together, we can bridge these gaps and ensure that the populations we collectively serve are included in regional and global efforts to monitor progress towards the SDGs.

Thank you.