Item 2

High Level Segment

2. Harnessing the power of data to leave no one behind. *(ESCAP/CST(9)/2)*

The present document has been prepared based on the request made in the Declaration (*on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind*) for the secretariat to prepare an overview of progress, including a status update on implementing the Declaration, every two years, for review by the Committee. In the document, the secretariat considers the possible reasons why progress towards achieving the commitments has been slow and presents three draft recommendations and two draft decisions for priority action to accelerate progress between now and 2030.

Comments from Uzbekistan:

The Republic of Uzbekistan along with all other countries, has undertaken measures to implement the Global Agenda for SDGs. Several normative legal documents of the Government have been adopted and **16 goals** and **126 tasks** considered relevant for Uzbekistan as national goals and objectives.

In **2020**, the Parliamentary Commission was established to monitor the implementation of national SDGs. An interdepartmental working group on national SDGs was created, which includes more **30** line ministries and agencies of Uzbekistan.

The Statistics Agency is responsible for the monitoring the achievement **[ə'tʃi:vmənt]** towards of National SDGs in Uzbekistan. Thus, a National SDG portal was established and all national indicators are published on this platform regularly.

These measures demonstrate the strong commitment of our policymakers to achieve SDGs, with the aim of leaving no one behind.

As we all know production of high quality, granular data on a timely manner requires high statistical capacity. In this regard, Uzbekistan has been giving high priority to enhancement of National statistical system, adoption of the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics for **2020-2025** is aimed to achieve this goal.

In addition, improvement of Uzbekistan's position in the **Statistics Performance Indicators** of the World bank (*currently Uzbekistan is in **62nd** place in the world with **80.3** score*) has increased the trust to official statistics in Uzbekistan and worldwide.