Item 3

Senior officials segment

3. Emerging issue: agile statistical systems that are fit for the future. *(ESCAP/CST(9)/3)*

In the document, the secretariat presents information on national, regional and global initiatives being implemented to support the development of statistical systems that are agile and responsive to rapidly changing demands. It also identifies opportunities for members and associate members to become engaged.

Comments from Uzbekistan:

Recent digitalization, ICT and technological development lead to the enhancement **[ɪn'hɑːnsmənt]** of capacities of the NSO for data collection and analysis. At the same time these developments require an adaptive and agile **[ædʒ.aɪl]** statistical system.

In Uzbekistan, I would say the basis of the agile statistical system lays in "Law on official statistics", adopted in **2021**, which stipulates that National statistical system functions based on annual Statistical program. This program developed with broad consultations with various users, including government, academia, media, international organizations, civil society and others.

This Law and annual Statistical program empowers NSO and other official producers of official statistics to integrate their systems with each other, aiming to meet fast growing demand of data users and to produce timely statistics.

Besides Uzbekistan is in the implementation process of the NSDS **2020-2025** and currently we are working on the development of the NSDS for next five years.

Currently, Statistics Agency of Uzbekistan conducts all surveys using modern data collection technologies including **CATI** and **CAPI** through electronic data collection system Estat-4. Especially, using these technologies had helped NSO during pandemic Covid-19 to quickly adapt and maintain statistical data collection.

In our opinion, the national initiatives mentioned in the document are useful for all of us and we support the draft decision of the Committee.