Statement of Republic of India

Committee on Statistics
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Agenda Item 4 (a) : Progress made since the eighth session of the Committee on Statistics: progress made in implementing the decisions taken by the Committee at its eighth session

Madam/Mr. Chair,

Government of India acknowledges the efforts by the UNESCAP Secretariat in bringing out the status of progress made in implementing the decisions taken by the Committee at it's eighth session and takes note of the suggestions for streamlining the works of the committees and groups under changing circumstances.

India suggests that, prior to finalizing the Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the task teams, these may be circulated among member countries for consultation. This would allow for the inclusion of diverse perspectives, thereby enhancing the comprehensiveness and effectiveness of the task teams' work.

Further, India supports the ESCAP's initiative to replace its groups and communities with more flexible task teams. However, it suggests that thenominees of National Statistics Offices on these task teams should provide Written Reports to the Committee's Bureau, instead of annual oral reports, as it may result in better clarity of record of the progress and outcomes of the task teams.

Thank you, Chair.