Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honour to provide update on progress made in implementing the decisions taking by the committee at its eighth session. The decisions were effectively implemented by National Statistics Office (NSO) Nepal. In the Governance part, new statistics act came into effect in September 13, 2022.

Three tires of governments (Federal, Provincial and Local) are responsible for production and use of statistics among many other data users to coordinate the statistical activities.

NSO has enhanced accessibility and usability of its data through platforms such as National Data Portal (NDP) and Micro-data catalogue. These tools align with the committee's emphasis on making official statistics accessible and actionable for policy planning.

NSO has been conducting training program and workshops to strengthen technical skills of its staff. They are also participating international statistical training program. NSO also conducts statistical literacy workshops among political leaders, college students and teachers and government employees and other data providers.

The statistical act 2022 has strengthened NSOs role by giving mandate to produce and coordinate to generate data for official statistics, aligning with the committee's recommendations for developing robust national statistical system.