COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS, NINTH SESSION (CST9)
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Agenda Item	**ESCAP**/CST(9)/5 Progress made since the eighth session of the Committee on Statistics: report of the Bureau

Issues for consideration by the Committee
30. The Committee is invited to take note of the report and offer feedback to the Bureau on its activities.

1. Malaysia commends the Bureau's achievements since the eighth session, mainly focusing on data governance, regional cooperation, and innovative engagement practices. The Bureau's ability to maintain inclusivity through physical and virtual meetings, as well as its progress in conceptualising a data governance framework and facilitating knowledge-sharing, demonstrates its commitment to addressing emerging challenges effectively.

2. We also appreciate the Bureau's collaborative practices, including leveraging platforms like the Asia-Pacific Stats Café to strengthen knowledge exchange and foster engagement. These initiatives are vital for equipping member states to meet present and future statistical needs.

3. Moving forward, Malaysia encourages the Bureau to prioritise the integration of statistical systems among member states to enhance data interoperability and regional cohesion. Capacity-building efforts, particularly in areas like disaster-related statistics and the Sustainable Development Goals, should remain a key focus to ensure equitable expertise across the region. We also stress the importance of inclusive feedback mechanisms to align decisions with stakeholder needs and regional priorities.

4. Malaysia strongly supports the Bureau's preparatory efforts for the ninth session and its focus on building agile and responsive statistical systems. DOSM remains committed to regional collaboration and capacity-building, contributing to the continued advancement of the region's statistical capabilities

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31. Considering that the Bureau has been operating in line with the terms of reference endorsed by the Committee at its eighth session, the Committee may wish to share their perspectives on the effectiveness of the **new terms of reference**.

1. Malaysia acknowledges the importance of the new Terms of Reference (ToR) in providing a framework for addressing regional statistical priorities. The ToR have facilitated more precise roles and responsibilities, fostering better collaboration among member states and adaptability to emerging challenges, such as agile statistical systems and climate change-related statistics.

2. We encourage broadening stakeholder engagement to include contributions from the private sector and academic institutions, which could provide innovative perspectives. Establishing performance metrics to assess the impact of activities under the ToR would also offer valuable insights for future planning. Additionally, strengthening capacity-building efforts, particularly in data governance, is essential to effectively align with global advancements and address the region's evolving needs.

3. Malaysia remains committed to supporting regional initiatives aimed at advancing statistical development.