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4. Agenda 4b: Report of the bureau

I would like to express my gratitude for the active leadership demonstrated by the Bureau during the inter-sessional period. As a Vice-Chair of the UN Statistical Commission Bureau, I would like to share the recent adjustment of the UNSC Bureau meeting. Under the 1+1 Scheme for regional representation, the Chairs of UN Regional Committee of Statistics are invited to the meetings. I would like to thank Batdavaa Batmunkh Chairman of the NSO Mongolia for joining me in representing ESCAP at the UNSC Bureau meeting. And I look forward to working closely with the newly elected Chair.

As you may know, the UNSC membership will be gradually expanded starting in 2026. For the Asia Pacific region, the number of member countries is expecting to increase from the current four members to six, which means there will be two vacancies in the year 2026. The election for the UNSC member countries serving the 2026 to 2029 term will take place next spring. For those who are interested in the membership of the UNSC, you are recommended to consult with your Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Mission to the UN as well as the Secretariat of the UNSC, which is UN Statistics Division.