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Statement:	
We highly appreciate SIAP for appropriately responding to the needs of member and associate member countries by expanding online training under the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as resuming face-to-face training after that. We recognize that the needs of member and associate member countries in relation to SIAP training programmes have been increasing and diversifying. As discussed at the twentieth session of the Governing Council of SIAP held this week, we hope that SIAP will continue to meet the training needs of countries while collaborating with a wide range of partners. As the host government, we intend to continue supporting SIAP.	
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