I have no objection to the proposal by the secretariat regarding section II D advancing gender in statistics in the region.

We find it significant to establish an intergovernmental group to share information among Asia and Pacific region, since there would be specific gender issues in our region. On the other hand, I would like to make comments from the perspective of the mechanism.

Currently, there are several groups on gender statistics at global and regional level. For instance, a Sub Group on Gender Statistics Training was established at the 4th meeting of Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific in SIAP last month.

First, those related groups should interact within the region. Then, relationships with global networks such as IAEG-GS (Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics) should be coordinated. And still if necessary, the possibility of establishment of the new intergovernmental group should be considered in a cost-effective manner within existing resources.

“Consider the secretariat proposal 10)”