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and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP)**

Committee on Statistics: *Agenda item 2*
**Advancing Official Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable
Development (SDGs) of Bangladesh:**

Thank you Mr. Chairperson for giving me the floor,

Since I am taking the floor for the first time, allow me to begin by congratulating you for being elected as the Chairperson of the current session of the UNESCAP. In my first intervention on this first agenda item of advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). I express my sincere thanks to the Inter-agency & Expert Group (IAEG) for developing a final list of Sustainable Development Goals Indicators.

Mr. Chair,

We are aware that Asia Pacific Statistical Community is very much eager to generate regional statistics for 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development. Bangladesh as a potential member of the ESCAP region is working towards the direction.

In the context of Bangladesh I would like to mention that it is gradually moving towards middle income country. Statistics could be considered as the only right tool for evidence based policy making and proper program intervention to ensure the optimum use of public resources and measuring the progress. Now, Statistical data is essential for effective monitoring and evaluation the progress towards achieving the Seventh Five Year Plan (7FYP) of Bangladesh 2016-2020, UN Sustainable Development Goals (SGDs) 2016-2030.

The monitoring framework and indicators for the SDGs should reflect the lessons learned from the MDGs. The SDGs will require annual reporting of high-quality data from all sectors. Bangladesh must be actively involved in the development of global and national SDG indicator frameworks through the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDGs.

Bangladesh is working for identifying data gaps, setting base year and reference year of SDGs Targets and Indicators critically reviewed very important national and international documents. After reviewing, Current Data availability of BBS has 49 Targets (full and partial) out of 169 targets. We will try to achieve fill up the data gap of SDGs targets and indicators.

Mr. Chair,

I like to mention that cooperation of the UNSD, UNSC, ESCAP, WB and other international agencies will be required to finalize the indicators and generate data for monitoring the SDG targets and goals.

Thanks again Mr. Chairperson.