

UNSD Statement for Agenda Item 2 of ESCAP Committee

UNSD welcomes the collective vision and framework for action in the Asia Pacific region to advance official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, that will lead to the modernisation and transformation of national statistical systems in support of the 2030 Agenda; We particularly welcome the focus on national ownership supported by collective action.

We gratefully acknowledge the active participation and contributions of countries from the Asia Pacific region to the work of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDG) and the High Level Group on Capacity, Coordination and Partnership (HL-CCP). This helps ensure that the regional vision and framework are fully aligned with the Global Action Plan (GAP) that is expected to be adopted by the UN Statistical Commission in March 17. We fully expect that the implementation of the GAP and the regional vision and framework for action will be mutually supportive;

UNSD is fully committed to support ESCAP and countries in the region in the implementation of the vision, through the development of relevant global tools and more targeted initiatives to be further discussed and assessed with the Bureau and the ESCAP Statistical Division

As other regions develop similar frameworks and tools, UNSD is furthermore committed to serve as a platform for inter-regional exchanges, in order to help achieve maximum synergies.