

UNSD Comments on agenda item 3(c) CRVS

UNSD appreciate the report on the Regional Steering Group on CRVS in Asia-Pacific and commends a number of achievements that countries in the region have accomplished in advancing CRVS under the Asia-Pacific CRVS Decade. As the report acknowledges, such visible changes were possible due to strong political commitments that countries made, as contained in the Ministerial Declaration. UNSD certainly expects that the region will continue to make steady country-led progresses in this area under the continued political support, and by incorporating the improvements in CRVS in their national strategies for development of statistics.

The report underscores the importance of strengthening skills for CRVS, and the needs of long-term support for capacity development. In this regards, we would like to inform the floor that UNSD together with ESCAP and SPC (?) organized a regional workshop to introduce the revised Principles and Recommendations of a Vital Statistical System in (when) 2016. UNSD appreciate very much the general support provided by them, and look forward further collation in this critical area of work.