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Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item 2 on Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: progress in implementing the collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community.****Statement****HE Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen**

The General Directorate of Statistics (GDS) of Timor-Leste and on behalf of the government of Timor-Leste, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude and indeed appreciation to **Madam Gemma Director of UNESCAP and the ESCAP secretariat** for being putting together ideas across the region to finally make this draft available to the state members.

The GDS of Timor-Leste would like thanks ESCAP and its partner for being mapping out the mechanism of implementation. And we are very much acknowledged have being part and engaged in the regional events through workshops and training on several thematic areas such as on collective vision and framework to regional road map, Oceans accounting, gender statistics, and many other events. We are very glad to share the good experience on how to optimizing partners of UN-Agencies at the country level to fulfill the gaps on the SDGs national reporting. An example the collaboration of NSO with UNWOMEN and UNFPA has recently released the national report on Gender and Sustainable Development in Timor-Leste.

Thank you ESCAP and the secretariat, we would like to emphasizing our support and welcoming the report.

Thanks Mr. Chair.

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