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Madam Chairperson /Mr Chair, Chairperson, Excellencies, Distinguished Colleagues,

It is an honour for me to participate in the 6th Session Committee of Statistics of the United Nations ESCAP. First of all, I wish to thank the UNESCAP Statistics Division for preparing DRAFT declaration titled 'Navigating policy with data to leave no one behind'. The Draft declaration will help the National Governments of the South East Region to work together for development of SDG indicators and for ensuring a smooth data flow on the regional indicators.

Madam Chairperson /Mr Chair

The importance of availability of timely and reliable economic statistics on regular basis cannot be overemphasized. In this context, I wish to acknowledge the contribution of the Steering Group for Regional Programme for Improvement of Economic Statistics for Asia and the Pacific towards the development of National Economic Statistics in the Asia-pacific region. The key requirements towards generation of economic statistics is the availability of Business Register, Statistical Acts, standards and classifications, censuses and surveys of establishments on regular basis, availability of trained man-power having the requisite domain knowledge, protection of confidentiality of respondents' information.

Madam Chairperson /Mr Chair

In India, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has been entrusted with the responsibility of calculating GDP of the country on quarterly and annual basis. It also conducts periodically Economic Census and annual survey of registered manufacturing establishments. One of the key constraints was the availability of service sector statistics through regular survey of service sector establishments. The other constraint was the non-availability of data of unincorporated enterprises on regular basis. I am happy to inform the Committee that Government of India has decided to conduct henceforth Annual Survey of Service Sector Enterprises and Annual Survey of Unincorporated Enterprises. This will go a long way towards achieving 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by producing a set of economic indicators which are linked to 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Thank you.