Statement from Vietnam on Disaster-related Statistics Framework

First of all, on behalf of the General Statistics Office of Vietnam, I would like to congratulate the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific for your efforts in development of the Disaster-related Statistics Framework. I believe this document will support National Statistics Offices in their production of comprehensive and comparable disaster-related statistics, which could be used to monitor the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 and progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

AS you might know, Vietnam is one of the countries which is heavily affected by the climate change. This has exerted great influences on the nation's health, both physical and financial aspects. Therefore, it is necessary for the General Statistics Office to produce disaster-related statistics. However, since many ministries and agencies are involved in the process of producing disaster-related statistics, we need a very good coordination to be able to implement.

I am aware that with the Disaster-related Statistics Framework developed by the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific, NSOs are now having tools for producing disaster-related indicators. Basic training materials for applying official statistics to the production of the key components of a basic range of disaster-related statistics, including use of geographic information systems and other technologies that are useful sources of statistics for informing disaster risk reduction policies. However, in order for Vietnam to apply, I would highly appreciate if UN agencies could help us with training courses either under the format of national training courses or oversea training for our staff. This will help to strengthen our statistical capacity in this domain.

Thank you very much for your attention.