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Statement

First of all we would like to thank you for the second opportunity.

HE Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen

The General Directorate of Statistics (GDS) of Timor-Leste, we would like to appreciate of the initiative of ESCAP for being playing the roles on engaging the partners for statistics development. As we all very well known that, the global principles and commitment on leaving no one behind has giving us clear pictures that we cannot stand alone to achieve the global goals and to national target. Its require cooperation, collaboration and synergy coordination among other through United Nations-umbrella, international, regional, bilateral to improving the capacity building at the country level.

The GDS of Timor-Leste would like again thank you ESCAP and the partners, for have sponsored and hosting numerous training, seminars and workshops at the regional level and the outcome has contributing significantly to enhance the capability of the staff at the country level.

Using the opportunity, we would like thank you the **Australian Bureau Statistics and Badan Pusat Statistiks-Indonesia** for the fruitful bilateral cooperation with GDS of Timor-Leste. Our special thanks to **Mr.David Kalisch** (ABS Senior Statistician) and **Mr. Dr. Suharyanto** (Chief BPS-RI).

Knowing the natures of every country is different each other, by skilled resources available, financial availability, and many others components. The GDS of Timor-Leste, strongly emphasizing that without the contribution of the partners in the ground/ country level, it will be challenging in somehow for the country to effective delivering the good statistics for navigating policy with data to leave no one behind.

To that regards, the GDS of Timor-Leste welcoming the report and express full support to ESCAP and the secretariat.

Thank You Mr.Chair.

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