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Thank you, Chair

1. The Government of Japan highly appreciates the efforts of the Bureau members, participants of the Expert Group Meeting in June and other contributors and the secretariat working on this declaration.
2. We recognize that the proposed declaration strengthens investment in and dissemination of statistics in the Asia Pacific region. Therefore, the Government of Japan supports the vision and framework as a rational and effective way to cope with the 2030 agenda.
3. As general comments, regarding 6(c) the progress review to be conducted every two years and a midpoint conference in 2024 by the Committee on Statistics, it is desirable that the secretariat inform the schedule and the way for the review as early as possible in order to support its implementation in each country.
4. Also, as for 6(e) it is desirable to clarify that the midpoint conference will be held as a part of the Committee on Statistics session like the high level segment in this current session, and within regular budget of the Committee.