

Committee on Statistics, Seventh Session

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Timor-Leste brief intervention on the agenda item 3
Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Good morning Mr. Chair and to all delegates

Mr. Chair

1. My delegation would like comments on the agenda item 3 on progress made. Timor-Leste expressed our appreciation and support to the documents entitles Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its progress made. We all knows that “better statistic- will help better decision”
2. However, we would like to seek a clarification on some points.
 1. Is that correct that every four year ESCAP and the team conducting a region wide capacity screening to members state? Is that upon request or ESCAP that decided which country to conduct such screening? And my delegation would like to suggest if ESCAP can distribute the action plan about when and how ESCAP would like to conduct the screening, so we can consider and seeking ESCAP support to conduct such project.
 2. My delegation would like to suggest to the ESCAP and to the technical groups (the five) to consider conducting a training or workshop related to issues they are handling to countries that still leave behind in terms of advising statistic matters because advising official statistics is very complex issues- we need to investigate the data and filter it. So capacity building for us is very important to move forward.
 3. In addition, in the second ministerial conference on Civil Registration and vital statistics to be held next year 2021, we would like to encourage ESCAP to continue invite a country that already advance and success in the implementation of CRVS to share their best practices and experience to other members.

Thank you Mr. Chair