

Pakistan Statement at the Fourth Session of
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Item 2

Mr. Chairman,
Excellences, distinguished delegates
Ladies and gentlemen,

*Ms Aysha Saeed
Maldives.*

It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate *Ms Aysha Saeed* of *Maldives* on assuming Chairmanship of the Fourth session of the Committee on Statistics. I am confident that under your able stewardship, the Committee will successfully complete its proceedings. I assure you full cooperation of my delegation in deliberations of this meeting.

2. I also felicitate other members of the bureau and appreciate UNESCAP Secretariat for their untiring efforts in preparing documents for the session.

3. Data collection and statistics are key to monitoring and evidence based policy making. The global community is currently in the process of formulating diverse statistics which could fulfill the future needs of sustainable development in line with the evolving post 2015 development agenda and SDGs. In this regard regional collaboration through technical assistance, capacity building and exchange of best practices can play a key role in realizing national and regional objectives.

4. However, the development of statistical indicators in multiple fields is a long and technical process which should be completed in a phased manner. It is also essential to incorporate views of all delegation to set the future direction of the Committee and to make the process more inclusive. While supporting the two strategic goals of the Committee, the Expert Group Meeting has rightly suggested that implementation of Committee's goals should be better integrated to build synergies and to ensure no duplication of effort.

Mr. Chairman,

5. Pakistan gives high priority to the national statistics at all levels. For data collection and processing according to the country's national and international needs Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has been working under the Economic Affairs Division. PBS collects, compiles, analyzes and publish data relating to various sectors of economy and social sector. It also evaluates and introduces standard concepts, definition and classifications pertaining to national statistical series and requirements.