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The Madam and Chair,

The government of Papua New Guinea take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment to this very important task as a Chairperson of the Committee on Statistics for the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. May you direct and manage this important office with dedication and wisdom from the guidance from God almighty from above.

The government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) supports these proposals put forward in regards to the Post 2015 Development Agenda. The reason being that PNG has taken that approach toward reform in the NSS within the country with the National Statistical Office (NSO) taking the lead in this reform process.

This is the Government of PNG stand in view of the proposals discussed on the floor of 4th Committee on Statistics.

1. Strategic Direction of the Committee on Statistics

The government of PNG supports the development and the coordination of the National statistical systems and how the statistical indicators will have impact on the governments policy and decision making in terms of development strategies in the country and with the region of Asia and the Pacific and now would like to assure the forum that the NSO of PNG has taken this initiative in this reform;

- a) Strengthening data and statistics for the development agenda beyond 2015 in Asia and the pacific
- b) Statistics and data for the development agenda beyond 2015 – implications for the regional collaboration in Asia and the Pacific
- c) Also supports the mobilization of the data revolution for the sustainable development as per the committee's report
- d) Supports the Regional Consultation on Accountability for the Post-2015 Development Agenda
- e) Stand in support of the sub-regional developments of the official statistics