

I made intervention on Agenda Item 3 (a) Economic Statistics. In my statement I:

- Welcomed the report and appreciated the efforts of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics made for improvement of economic statistics in the region
- Mentioned that economic statistics have received renewed priority in the context of SDG. Economic dimension of development, especially several production activities such as industry, infrastructure, energy, trade and other sectors are adequately reflected in SDG
- Pointed out that in this new context the role of economic statistics is likely to rise and expressed hope that ESCAP Committee on Statistics will play an effective role to address the new challenges of economic statistics in the region.

Best regards

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