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Intervention in Population and Housing Statistics (Philippines)

Thank you Madam chair.

The Philippines supports the regional strategy of the Technical Advisory Group on Population and Housing Statistics, its proposal to create a Steering group, its recommendation to seek policy support similar to the ministerial level declaration for CRVS.

We would also like to highlight specifically skills as one key requirement for NSSs to support prodn of core set of not just popn + housing stats but other stats as well. We highlight this because of recognition that NSOs should take leadership in their respective NSSs, esp to achieve just 2015 SDGs measurement.

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The new skills set for official statisticians especially senior officials is required to achieve culture shift / new paradigm for NSOs. The skills needed are to include good engagement skills with stakeholders, more outward looking.

May I also report that, in the 46th session of the UNSC, consideration is for generation of Multidimensional Poverty Indicator and a new city group, the Praia Group on governance statistics was created to develop core indicators on governance.