

Statements of Intervention on Agenda Points of CST-4 (25-27 March 2015, Bangkok)

INDIA

Agenda Point: 3(c)

India welcomes the revised ToR for the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific which was recently adopted. India is fully confident that the guidance of the Group would provide required impetus to the implementation of the regional action framework for CRVS. India endorsed the shared vision of universal and responsive civil registration by 2024, which emerged in the ministerial conference on CRVS held in Bangkok in November last year. India has already declared the decade 2015-2024 as the 'Civil Registration Decade' and set goals to be achieved by the years 2016, 2018 and 2020. By implementing grass root level action plans, efforts would be made to achieve the vision by 2020. A number of tools have already been contemplated; among these an SMS based application called 'Event Monitoring System of Registration' has already been put to pilot testing. Initiatives in other countries for replication of similar tools may be supported by ESCAP and other partners under regional action plan.