

Comments 3(c) #4. Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

Thank you Madam/Mr. Chair.

In November 2014, Statistics Korea participated in the Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics which was held here in Bangkok. We would like to assure you that Korea fully supports the outcomes and discussions of the Conference and we are willing to actively participate in the efforts to improve CRVS in the region.

As for Korea, we have a reliable system in place which collects vital statistics by linking legal civil registration information on a common format since 1970. Consequently, the coverage of birth and death registration is quite accurate and has virtually no omissions. We have plans to form a cooperative network with relevant organizations with the aim of further advancing the CRVS in Korea. In particular, for this year, we will update the current cause of the death classification system by reflecting the latest international classification of diseases.

We also believe that a strong legal basis is essential in each member country for an effective coordination among relevant organizations. This requires close cooperation from relevant stakeholders. National statistical offices have an important leading role in forming the cooperative network.

There is an urgent need to maintain the efficient use of resources at statistical offices by increasing the sharing and utilization of data managed by administrative organizations. At the same time, we also need to take measures to protect private information.

As for the monitoring of the implementation targets, the Regional Steering Group has the important task of monitoring the progress of this implementation. Countries in the region need to share their practices and experiences in the improvement of the quality of vital statistics with other countries.