A strategic approach to improving environment statistics in Asia and the Pacific

Thank you Mr/Madame honorable chair and distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen. It is our pleasure to give our view on the document put forward by the secretariat. Malaysia is pleased to join the discussion.

- First and foremost, Malaysia would like to take the opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the Committee and supports the progress of work on the document to improve environment statistics in Asia and the Pacific.
- 2. We acknowledged the effort made by UNSD in implementation of revised Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES). Malaysia has taken initial step to gain information on the availability of data especially on new topics i.e. extreme event and disasters as well as environment protection, management and engagement.
- 3. Malaysia recognized that the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) Central Framework is a potential mechanism that complements FDES to enhance the environment statistics. The Department is in the midst of developing SEEA Physical Supply Use Table (PSUT) Energy.
- 4. Malaysia has also been selected as a pilot country for the Green Economy project for 2014-2015. We have been invited to participate in the workshop on January 2015 in Bangkok. Malaysia has identified and submitted a set of proposed green indicators to UNSD in February 2015.
- In general, Malaysia agreed and support the recommendations outlined in the document and we would like to participate actively in relevant activities with regards to improve the environment statistics.

Thank you Mr/Madame Chair [Thank you for your attention]