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Comments 8. Modernization of statistical production and services.

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Thank you Madam/Mr. Chair,

Statistics Korea well recognizes the importance of modernizing its statistical productions and services and in accordingly we strongly support the proposals made by the Committee. As for fostering regional cooperation on the modernization of statistical production and services, we believe that many of the countries in the region need more resources and technical assistance in order to carry out the global strategy pursued by HLG.

However, in reality, these much needed human and financial resources are very limited and this motivates us to pool our efforts to overcome such an obstacle. Consequently, SAB-AP was created to meet those needs. And we would like to thank SAB-AP and the modernization working group for their efforts and hard work. Therefore, we strongly encourage all members to actively participate in the works of regional modernization work proposed by SAB-AP with the aim of advancing the progress of the modernization in the region.

In addition, we strongly support the revised TOR for the Advisory Body for ensuring adequate representation. We also believe that it is crucial that international organizations in the region such as UNESCAP, World Bank and ADB play a leading role by integrating the modernization element into their capacity building programs.