

Item 3(g) – Developing a core set of gender indicators for Asia and the Pacific

INTERVENTION:

Thank you, Madame Chair.

The Philippines notes with appreciation the overall work on the development and formulation of the core gender indicators for Asia and the Pacific and acknowledges the efforts done by the ESCAP Statistics Division in doing so. We reaffirm our support to the core set of gender indicators which is an adaptation of the global minimum set of gender indicators, which was agreed upon by the UN Statistical Commission as a guide for the national production and and international compilation of gender statistics.

The Philippines reaffirms its commitment to continue the generation and improvement of gender statistics in the country thru various enabling mechanisms and measures which we have established, such as the Inter Agency Committee on Gender Statistics as a forum for discussion and resolution of/for harmonization of concepts and methodologies; the implementation and updating of the chapter on gender and development, of the PSDP, which is the equivalent of the NSDS, in addressing the data gaps in the core set; continued production of statistical handbooks on Women and Men on a regular basis for informed decisions; and increasing investments to generate and disseminate these statistics.

We need not emphasize the need for collaboration with stakeholders, such as the Ministry of Women, the NGOs and civil society to enhance their appreciation and use of statistics for policy formulation and program implementation. They are very important partners in this endeavor.

And lastly, Madame Chair, we request that we address the need for more capacity building for gender statistics, as some indicators may still need to be defined and conceptualized in terms of measurement and monitoring.

Thank you.