## Comments 4(a) #11. Agricultural and rural statistics

Thank you Madam/Mr. Chair.

First of all, Korea would like to express its deep appreciation to FAO, Regional Office, Regional Steering Committee, ADB and all other organizations involved fortheir hard work on improving agricultural and rural statistics.

Thanks to such efforts, we have been able to make significant progress in regards to the implementation activities by the Regional Office which have targeted nine priority countries.

However, as it is also noted in the report, we would like toemphasize that it is essential to build synergies between theongoing FAO work programme and the activities of the GlobalStrategy.

Also, we are pleased to observe that the implementation activities of the Regional Action Plan is expanding where 6 new countries have been additionally selected at the third meeting of the Regional Steering Committee.