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*Ma'am chair,
Mr. Chair,*

India welcomes the report of ^{the} group on social statistics and compliments them for an innovative approach. The approach defining different domains and themes are welcome and it creates possibilities in a difficult task.

India welcomes the proposal for a regional plan to ensure comprehensive civil registration and vital statistics by 2020.

On Modernization of Statistical Information System, we support the creation of a group to share experience, provide best practices, etc. There is a need to give clear terms of reference for such a group.

India endorsed the RAP on "Agriculture and Rural Statistics". We also noted the fact that the careful integration of training in the RAP is welcome and consistent with the recommendation of the working group on training.

The work on Environment Statistics should be linked to the international dialogue on Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication as emerged in the Rio+20 outcome document. In this context, there are a number of terms in the Secretariat Document (e.g. 'green growth', "green jobs", "green employment") that are not yet well defined and elude consensus.

The terminology used in the committee recommendation should be coherent with the Rio+20 outcome document and with terms on which there is clear international consensus.

Mr. Chair, Ma'am chair,

On the Report of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on its eighth session (document E/ESCAP/69/14):

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India has consistently extended its support to SIAP, including its Governing Council and Technical Committees, and has actively contributed to technical considerations of different aspects under SIAP's Programme of Work. India fully supports the recommended Work and financial plan for Assessment Year 2013 in general and approach of prioritizing activities in particular.

India is committed to assist SIAP in preparation of Strategic planning for the period 2015-2019 through the Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. India has also Chaired the Working Group on Training & has helped introduce new Statistical products.

India has also been regularly contributing US\$ 25,000 per annum as institutional support to SIAP.

Programme of work and training strategies, particularly expansion of delivery of Internet-based learning/Training courses recommended by the Governing Council (GC) of SIAP in its eighth session are commendable and India supports the e-learning. ^{approach.} E-learning courses can take care of additional requirement of staff at SIAP.

Mr. Chairman, Madam chair,

India recently organized a Workshop on developing a framework for Green National Accounting for India. India's commitment to planned economic development reflects the government's determination to improve the economic conditions of our people and an affirmation of the role of the government in bringing about this outcome through a variety of social, economic and institutional initiatives.

Thank you Madam chair.