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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Excellencies, Distinguished Colleagues,

Good morning/afternoon

Lao PDR delegate wishes to express appreciation to the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) report, as well as support on the improvement of Vital Statistics and Civil Registration Systems.

Lao PDR recognizes the importance of CRVS for planning and monitoring programs across several sectors. CRVS has become a crucial issue not only at the national but also at the regional and global levels. In implementing its CRVS system, Lao PDR makes use of various legal and planning frameworks for statistics, including its Family Registration Law, Statistics Law, Strategy of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics 2016-2025, Strategy of National Statistics System Development 2016-2025 and Vision to 2030.

I would like to inform the committee that the Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB) has implemented a good coordination and collaboration with the relevant line ministries, such as the Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA), which is responsible for registration and certification of births and deaths. In addition, I would like also to take this opportunity to inform the committee that Lao PDR, with support from development partners, is preparing the conduct of the 5th Lao Population and Housing Census.

I thank you Mr. Chair.