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As one of the key initiatives in the region, good progress has been made in the field of disaster-related statistics; and the work done by the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific has been instrumental in this development.

Thus, the Philippines expresses its appreciation to the TWG for its efforts and supports the continuance of its work. With the remaining challenges on the compilation of disaster-related statistics, the Philippines recognizes the pivotal role of the TWG in providing technical guidance, in developing standards and recommendations, and in providing a venue for discussion and sharing of experiences. Specifically, it is important for the TWG to continue further discussions and come up with concrete recommendations to highlight on building partnerships with the data-producing agencies of disaster statistics with the intended users as well as on building capacities of national statistical offices and disaster agencies in addressing data issues which are aligned with the standard framework and national interests.

The efforts of the TWG have been beneficial to the Philippines. As one of the pilot countries of the preliminary framework of disaster-related statistics in 2018, the Philippines was able to receive guidance on data assessment and in addressing key issues during compilation. Having been part of various capacity-building activities, the Philippines was also able to explore other initiatives such as using administrative data in the generation of environment-related statistics. In 2019, the Philippines completed the compilation of the first estimates of the Disaster Risk Reduction Expenditure (DRRE) Accounts (for Public Expenditure) which was then presented during the 62<sup>nd</sup> World Statistics Congress of the International Statistical Institute. In addition, we partner with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) for providing opportunities for the Philippines to share the work done on improving disaster statistics and to learn from the experiences from other participating countries. As part of its future work, the Philippines intends to capture disaster-related data from households through the Community-based Monitoring System and the Family Income and Expenditure Survey.

With strengthening technical capacity as one of the TWG's focus areas on its five-year strategic plan and with different modalities on regional collaboration being offered, countries in the region such as the Philippines will be able to better address the challenges in its exploratory work. Thus, the TWG's work remains a key component in the advancement of disaster-related statistics in the region.

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