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***Agenda item***

***Agenda Item 5: (5a) ESCAP/CST/2022/5\_GDP***

Honourable Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. Malaysia welcomed and supported measuring progress beyond GDP. The measures that go beyond GDP cover environmental, sustainability and social aspects of well-being that have not been accounted for by the GDP measure. Malaysia has been monitoring development progress through five-year development plans since the 1960s. Therefore, effort towards innovations in statistics has continuously been done through the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM), namely SEEA (environment), crime index (safety), well-being index (wellbeing), despite the Sustainable Development Goals Index and many more. DOSM also produced the Malaysia Happiness Index (MHI) 2021 recently, which comprises 13 components that are used in measuring happiness.
2. Malaysia acknowledged the importance of measuring progress beyond GDP and promoting a further strengthening of the national statistical office for future statistics through the technical exchange, strategic communications and dialogue, especially in the ASEAN region. Malaysia also noted efforts to develop better measures beyond GDP have been underway, especially in OECD countries, the Latin-America region, New Zealand, Australia, China and maybe more than a quarter of the countries. As such, Malaysia welcomed the effort to leverage ASEAN Working Group SNA as a platform to amplify the measures of progress beyond GDP among Southeast Asian countries. This process will create international understanding and cooperation, which will engage all relevant stakeholders and define each participant's contribution toward goals. The contribution will be evaluated so that policies, programmes and plans can be adjusted as needed to ensure progress. Malaysia believes there is a need for consensus on better indicators to set policy, inform decisions, and measure progress.
3. Ultimately, a manual for measuring progress beyond GDP would be possible to produce as global guidance.

Thank You

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