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Report of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on its sixteenth session (ESCAP/77/12)

Report of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on its seventeenth session (ESCAP/78/25)

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Statement:

First of all, as the host government of SIAP, we would like to welcome Malaysia, the Philippines, and Vietnam as new members of the Governing Council and congratulate Bangladesh, China, India, the Republic of Korea, and Thailand on their re-election as Governing Council members. We look forward to continuing to work together with the members of the Governing Council toward the further development of SIAP, with the cooperation of the member and associate member countries.

With regard to the SIAP programme, we appreciate the efforts to expand online training and develop training materials under the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the host government, we would like to provide as much support as possible, including the redesigning of the SIAP website.

We also look forward to the early resumption of face-to-face training in light of the COVID-19 situation.

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