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<p>Honourable Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Malaysia commends the progress achieved by the Governing Council of the Asia and Pacific Institute of Statistics in developing agile and more responsive capacity-building programmes for the member countries of the Asia and Pacific region in these two-year terms with the support of member states and relevant international organisations, as highlighted in the reports of the sixteenth and seventeenth sessions. 2. Malaysia appreciates UN SIAP and ESCAP for all the precious work they have accomplished throughout the year, particularly in providing the comprehensive training modules and improving training modalities that allow many to participate in and benefit from training and enable official statistics to modernize and address emerging challenges. It is their excellent work and achievements. Malaysia will continue to support and collaborate with ESCAP and SIAP in order to plan more precise and appropriate capacity development programmes that meet current needs and are consistent with the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific. 3. The following are some of the suggestions made in the SIAP report and actions that should be improved and leveraged according to the changing environment to meet the growing demand for official statistics for national planning and decision-making are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Welcomes the focus on partnerships with the private sectors and international organization and civil society, especially regarding new technologies, new technical skills and access to new data sources. Malaysia also implementing the same strategy whereby we have signed MoUs with 23 Universities. Through the MoUs, DOSM and Universities agreed to share their expertise and collaboration in academic programs. In addition, both parties also will share the 	

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analysis outcomes, new findings and any collaboration. The collaboration will produce subject matter experts for both parties in order to satisfy the current and future needs for data by using the latest statistical techniques, the application of data science and analytics and other innovative approaches.

- (b) Recommends that the Institute strengthen partnerships with custodian agencies of the global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to build capacity, address data gaps, and increase the resource base. It will contribute to accelerating the performance of indicators and reaching the 2030 target which is currently recorded with very slow progress.
- (c) Recommends that the Institute strive to diversify its resource base, given the difficulty of increasing voluntary cash contributions from member States due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resource limitations.
- (d) Notes the importance and efficiency of e-learning as a training modality and recommends that e-learning also be reflected in the draft resource mobilisation strategy. Malaysia agrees with the continuation of the hybrid mode of training both physically and online. The web-based or e-learning training should be continued by developing accurate training materials and promoting it with the collaboration of agencies within the region, especially for more hands-on sessions in web-based training, as well as requesting that the good methodologies regarding e-learning be actively shared with member states. That's why Malaysia keeps on organising the training in hybrid mode (physical and online) to make sure more participants attend the training because it's cost-effective, time-saving and travel-saving. Malaysia consistently offers assistance by providing speakers and trainees. Hopefully, the institute can continue to provide training to the NSOs.
- (e) Training-of-trainers programmes to be organised to build the capacity of staff at national statistical offices to conduct national-level training activities and for such programmes to include training on facilitation skills. This TOT can benefit the state members, and the participants can train their colleagues and spread the knowledge.

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- (f) The Council calls on members and associate members to continuously provide voluntary cash contributions as well as in-kind contributions for the activities of the Institute and notes the offer of in-kind contributions from the several Member States, such as facilities and human resources for the Institute's training programs. Malaysia is willing to contribute in kind, especially speakers for the training.
- (g) The proposal by the Council on the country's courses being tailored to countries' needs and new courses being developed based on emerging needs in areas such as administrative data, big data, training of trainers, and modernization of national statistical offices and national statistical systems is a good proposal since DOSM also received a lot of requests from governments and users to learn about and explore these emerging areas. Another suggestion from the Council to propose to further develop the certification for courses, including for training-of-trainers courses, is also a good proposal because participants and trainers can use the certificate as proof of attending the training and as proof of being a certified trainer.

Thank you.

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