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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) for their tireless work to develop the global indicator framework within the time frame mandated by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

At the beginning, I would like to associate myself with the statement made by the kingdom of Thailand on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. Furthermore, allow me to add a few points in my own national capacity regarding data and indicators for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda:

- The global indicator framework should encompass all of the 17 SDGs and 169 targets in a balanced and integrated manner, including Goal 17 and Means of Implementation (MOI).
- The indicators should be selected based on their level of methodological development and overall data availability and be relevant to the 2030 Agenda and should not interpret targets.

- Indicators should fully respect internationally agreed terms and avoid such terms that do not enjoy consensus among Member States.
- The Islamic Republic of Iran has already submitted its reservations and position regarding the Agenda 2030. Thus, it is expected that the position to be reflected in the final report of the Commission.
- The work of the IAEG-SDGs is a work in progress with a level of flexibility that recognizes the realities of different countries, as reflected in the Agenda, therefore, the adoption of the Report of the IAEG-SDGs is not the end and accordingly further engagement of the IAEG is needed in the coming years.
- the Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the establishment of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for the Post-2015 Monitoring. I would like to highlight the roll of this partnership and the necessity of the capacity-building efforts in developing countries, in particular in our region, west Asia.

Mr. Chairman,

- As mentioned by the chair of the G77 and China, furthermore methodological work will be conducted with a view to continuously improving the indicators and the availability of data; in this transition period ensuring an inclusive, open and transparent process, as the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, is indispensable.
- In this process, national ownership is key and should be the guiding principle of the global indicator framework, as noted in the 2030 Agenda,
- The national indicator framework will be voluntary and country-led, will take into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and will respect policy space and priorities of the countries.

Mr. Chairman,

At the end, I would like to reiterate that the Islamic Republic of Iran is fully ready to cooperate with other countries, particularly within our region to develop the regional indicators, based on our shared priorities.

I thank you.