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THE COMPASSIONATE, THE MERCIFUL

Dear Course resource persons, Mr. Benson Sim and Mr. Uzbekish from  
UNSD

Dear Representatives from ECO  
Dear Representatives from UNSD  
Dear Guests,  
Dear SCI Managers  
Dear participants  
Ladies and Gentleman

On behalf of the Statistical Research and Training Centre it is my great pleasure to welcome all of you to the Regional Training Workshop on the Compilation of Quarterly National Accounts for Economic Cooperation Organization Member Countries Jointly organized by UNSD, ECO, Statistical Centre of Iran (SCI) and Statistical research and training center (SRTC)

Totally 30 senior experts from International organizations such as UNSD and ECO and such countries as Azarbayjan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Turkey and Islamic Republic of Iran are attending the workshop.

The workshop is part of the capacity building strategy of the ECO region to Compile Quarterly National Accounts in order to present the short-term movements of the economy, providing a coherent measure of such movements within the methodological framework of

national accounts. As you know Quarterly National Accounts cover the entire sequence of accounts and balance sheets in the 2008 SNA, but in practice, lack of data, time and resources mean that Quarterly National Accounts are usually less complete than annual national accounts (ANA).

My expectation is that the participants attending the workshop can consider compiling the Quarterly National Accounts to fulfil the minimum requirement for the minimum required dataset for the scope of the implementation of the 2008 SNA.

Also I believe that this workshop will be able to play an effective role towards achieving its objectives and this could be realized, if both the instructors and participants do their best to make the workshop a real success in such a friendly and scientific atmosphere.

SRTC, as the training and research arm of the SCI, has always tried to help the regional organizations in the capacity building in different areas and we are happy that we can be an active partner for the SIAP, UNSD, UNESCO, UNFPA and ECO in the regional training

SRTC believes that the success of NSOs of the region in dealing with newly emerged economic challenges totally depends on the promotion of bilateral and multi lateral technical cooperation between the NSOs of the participating countries as well as the concerned supporting international organizations. In fact, this will enhance the coordination of individual separate efforts by the countries and will make them more integrated and harmonized.

I am really grateful to UNSD, ECO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and SCI Officials who have made every effort to actualize this scientific forum.

My colleagues at the Statistical Research and Training Center and I, in cooperation with the personnel of the Office of Public Relations and International Cooperation and those from Deputy Head for Development of Resources, Logistics and Provinces Affairs of the SCI, will try our utmost to convene the course to the satisfaction of the participants.

Again, I hope the workshop lecturers and the participants' attempts will be fruitful in meeting both theoretical and practical aspects of the workshop.

Finally, I also hope that the course instructors and overseas participants, who are really our guests, have an enjoyable stay here and feel at home.

**Thank you very much**