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| 4. | E/CN. 3/2017/5 Report of the Secretary-General on the transformative agenda for official statistics | Thank you Madame chair

Malaysia would like to thank the Secretariat for the concise report on the seven series of transformative agenda conferences which was held in the past 2015 to 2016 in the regional and sub-regional as well as the way forward to support the 2030 transformative agenda for sustainable development and its transformation and modernization agenda.

Malaysia fully supports the proposal on the organization of series thematic conferences in the regional and sub-regional to promote the transformation and modernization of official statistics. The outcome of the conferences will serve as an input to upgrade the Third Edition of the Handbook. Malaysia confidence that the updated handbook will be the tools and guidance for the least developing countries and developing countries to implement their transformative agenda in the countries.

DOSM has formulated the Transformation Plan 2015-2020, comprises 4 main strategic thrusts covers the activities of transformative agenda as specified in the paper. For Example:

**a. Quality in official statistics**

By 2018, DOSM expected to adapt the completed National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF) for Malaysia as a measurement instrument and ensure the compilation of national statistics achieve the quality of NQAF framework in line with NSO's benchmark. Besides, the framework of statistics and the governance of national statistical system will be also strengthened.

**b. Communication and partnership in official statistics**

DOSM wish to increase the usage of administrative data, reduce respondents burden, transforming statistics dissemination, increase awareness among community on statistics and etc.

**c. Statistical architecture for an integrated production system in official statistics**

DOSM wish to strengthen the strategic collaboration with various government agencies in term of data collection, sharing statistical method/technical, utilization of software
d. **Information technology in official statistics**

In term of Innovation and modernization in the statistical production processes, DOSM emphasised the following activities:

- transforming statistics compilation with adaptation of best statistics framework such as GSIM, CSPA, SDMX and DDI;
- enhancing data management infrastructure with Statistics Data Warehouse (StatsDW) development;
- enhancing initiatives of using integrated instruments in data compilation; and
- Transforming statistics dissemination through the dynamic DOSM’s portal and diversify the distribution media.

e. **Capacity-building and resource mobilization in official statistics**

DOSM attempt to:

- Strengthening the Professionalism, Personality, Integrity, Career Development and Integrate Smart Talents;
- Empowering Statistical Services;
- Strengthening the Role of Malaysia Statistical Training Institute (ILSM) as a Centre of Excellence; and
- Creating Subject Matter Expert (SME).

To achieve the above mentioned objective, the completed guidelines and tools are highly needed. Through the organization of thematic conferences in the regional on the above strategic area, we are able to further strengthen and enhancing the existing capabilities.

1. **Inter-Agency Coordination/Collaboration**

Malaysia fully supports the 3 proposed strategic area of collaboration among the inter-agencies by signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). MoU will support the production of new statistical products and services as well as expanding the existing statistical services effectively and efficiently. At this point in time, DOSM in the effort of strengthening the coordinating role in the governance of national statistical systems by enhancing strategic partnerships programmes and activities with government and private agencies.
In the past years, DOSM has signed a total of 11 MoU with government/private agencies and 11 MoU with Universities at the national level, which covers 3 strategic areas as indicated in the paper. In the future, DOSM aim to establishing MoU with international statistics agencies in a form of strategic partnerships.