Thank you Mr /Madame honorable chair and distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Malaysia would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics for the completion of the draft guidelines for the production of statistics on asset ownership and on entrepreneurship, from a gender perspective under the Evidence and Data for Gender Equality (EDGE) project, which include individual-level data and International Classification of Activities for Time-Use Statistics (ICATUS). Recently, Malaysia already published Women-Owned Statistics based on Economic Census of 2016 but will review the proposed methodologies in the guidelines in order to improve the production of Gender Statistics in Malaysia contexts.

Malaysia appreciates the effort made by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Gender Statistics in producing a minimum set of gender indicators as a guide for the national production and international compilation of gender statistics and further aligns with 80 Sustainable Development Goals indicators that are gender-relevant, of which 19 are already covered by the minimum set. Malaysia already published Statistics on Women Empowerments in Selected Domains in 2017 based on the guidelines provided in the minimum set of gender indicators.

Malaysia would like to participate actively in any forums/workshops/ relevant activities with regards to gender statistics.

Thank you Mr/Madame Chair. [Thank you for your attention]