POINT OF DISCUSSION:

(a) To comment on the report and the work done by the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks over the last two years, including its survey on the implementation of national quality assurance framework in countries, and the survey's findings and conclusions;

(b) To express its views on the proposed programme of work of the Expert Group for the next two years and endorse its updated terms of reference (see annex);

(c) To express its views on the initial proposal for a plan to support countries in the implementation of a national quality assurance framework;

(d) To review and adopt the United Nations national quality assurance frameworks manual for official statistics.

MALAYSIA’S FEEDBACK

Thank you Mr/Madame honourable chair, Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. In general, Malaysia acknowledges and agrees on the report and the work done by the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks over the last two years. Over 50 per cent of countries in the world (especially in Europe) apply their national quality assurance frameworks to data related to Sustainable Development Goal indicators.

2. **Malaysia takes part in the online questionnaire of implementation of NQAF in countries on January 2018.** Malaysia is implementing NQAF on 15 surveys as a pilot test, with resulting statistical work that can meet international standards. **At this point of time, we would like to request the hands-on technical material and guidance on quality assurance and its implementation.**

3. Malaysia agrees and supports all the initial proposal (consists of six activities) for the implementation plan for the period 2019-2023. Malaysia also agrees on the programme of work of the Expert Group on NQAF which be outlined for 2019 and 2020.

4. Malaysia fully supports to UN National Quality assurance frameworks manual for official statistics. Malaysia has responded to the current draft of the UN Generic National Quality Assurance Framework Manual (NQAF) from UNSC. Based on the new manual draft, Malaysia sees that this manual is in line with the structural section of the UN NQAF Manual for Official Statistics. In addition, the Chapter for Quality management and process and activity model also introduces the new Generic Activity Model for Statistics Organization (GAMSO) tools besides applying the Generic Statistics Business Process Model (GSBPM) to support quality management and assessment. NQAF manual complements GSBPM and GAMSO where quality assurance is extended to the entire national statistics of system and the providers of data and
statistics.

5. DOSM expected to adopt UN NQAF manual after been finalized based on the suitability of the country.

Thank you Mr/Madame Chair. (Thank you for your attention).