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Statement:

(a)   Malaysia would like to welcome the report and to convey our note of appreciation for the effort made by the World Health Organization. We believe that the report will help us in terms of classification on causes of death. Malaysia has reviewed and supported the activities to strengthen statistical systems to track the health-related Sustainable Development Goals.

(b)   Malaysia agreed with the approaches taken by the World Health Organization (WHO) in developing and strengthening statistical systems on health through an establishment of new units, surveys, Data Hub and health coverage index.

(c)   Malaysia endorsed WHO's strategies in setting up a new Geographic Information System Centre with a more innovative approach that associates maps, data and people in terms of public health situation. On the other hand, the Institute for Public Health (IPH) Malaysia in collaboration with the Health Informatics Center (HIC) is also carrying out a mapping study to build a Geographic Information System (GIS) and database for health facilities. This study aims to develop spatial databases in terms of facilities, services and health providers.

(d)   Malaysia acknowledged the purpose of new versions of the Health Equity Assessment Toolkit (HEAT and HEAT Plus) to inform equity-oriented health policies, programs and practice. In monitoring health issues in Malaysia such as COVID-19 outbreak, Malaysia has developed MySejahtera as a mobile device application by empowering users to assess their health risk against COVID-19. This application also provides the Ministry of Health (MOH) with the necessary information to plan for early and effective countermeasures.

(e)   WHO has updated the Health Equity Monitor, a large database of reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health data. Meanwhile, Malaysia has included health data such as maternal, neonatal, premature and Hepatitis B data in the SDGs Indicators Malaysia report.

(f)   Malaysia endorsed the establishment of Health Information System Units by WHO in order to develop routine health information systems for countries so that rich data can be used to support policy formation.

(g)   Malaysia approved the World Health Survey Plus initiated by WHO in measuring progress towards the health-related Sustainable Development Goals and other topics of public health interest. The Ministry of Health (MOH) has routinely conducted National Health

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Morbidity Survey (NHMS) to provide community-based data and evidence to the Ministry of Health Malaysia on selected themes. (h) Malaysia acknowledged and agreed with the development of the World Health Data Hub in which users are given complete transparency regarding the journey of data from collection to visualisation. Malaysia has established SDGs Dashboard as a data-driven visualisation that supports tracking and monitoring of the SDGs indicators. (i) Malaysia also acknowledged the other development in classification of diseases and deaths. Malaysia is on track to implement ICD-11 for classification on causes of death and planned to fully implement ICD-11 in 2023 reporting. (j) Malaysia agreed to dissolve the Intersecretariat Working Group on Health Statistics and appreciated the work done by Intersecretariat along with other international organisations on Health Statistics in conducting various surveys in finding the best way to help countries and minimise the burden and fill as many data gaps as possible.	
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