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Agenda item 3 (h)

**Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission, including the work of the regional institutions: Statistics**

### Draft report

#### Statistics (including the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific)

1. In addition to the common documents that were considered under agenda item 3, the Commission had before it: the report of the Committee on Statistics on its third session (E/ESCAP/69/13); the report of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/69/14); and the outcome of the High-level Meeting on the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/69/26).
2. Representatives of the following countries made statements: Australia; India; Japan; Mongolia; Nepal; Pakistan; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Thailand; and Turkey.
3. The Commission emphasized the critical importance of statistics in laying the foundation for effective public policy and planning that underpinned the provision of many essential services. Furthermore, the Commission stressed the importance of statistical capacity-building and the potential of strong regional cooperation, and urged member States to give priority to statistics development.
4. The Commission supported the outcome of the third session of the Committee on Statistics (E/ESCAP/69/13), including implementation of its decisions and recommendations.
5. The Commission, in referring to the two strategic goals for statistics development for Asia and the Pacific, expressed its full support for regional initiatives in improving: population and social statistics; economic statistics; agricultural and rural statistics; environment statistics; civil registration and vital statistics; the modernization of official statistics; and regional coordination of statistical training.