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**Statement by the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
at the Senior Official Segment**

**MINISTERAL CONFERENCE ON CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS
(CRVS) IN THE ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
Bangkok, 26 November 2014**

*Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Let me begin by congratulating you Mr. Chair, for steering the conference and achieving so far. We trust under your able leadership that the meeting will come to a fruitful outcome.

My delegation is of the view that the discussion on Civil Registration and Vital Statistic (CRVS) is timely, as we are close approaching the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 2015 and concurrently discussion on post 2015 Development Goals are also underway.

Under the new Indonesian Government, we are currently formulating to strengthen our efforts in mainstreaming issues related to CVRS into our national development strategy plan in the next five years ahead.

We are determined to achieve a responsive civil registration and vital statistic system that can have a critical role in achieving inclusive and people-centered development.

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Indonesia has adopted the national legislation on civil registration since 2006 and has been revised in 2013, to ensure an effective implementation on the ground and the necessary adjustment needed across nationwide.

We will continue to strengthen and implement through the provision of the related laws and regulation and through harmonizing national legislation into provincial and local policy strategies.

We believe that a strengthened institution would be necessary at all levels, national, provincial and districts/municipality, by providing proactive registrar.

Building political commitment and by establishing networking and continued coordination among relevant ministries, agencies, civil society and other relevant organization is the way forward to strengthening civil registration and vital statistics.

Indonesia is undertaking active piloting projects related to birth registration, death registration and cause of death in a number of provincial and districts throughout the country. Our challenge is to scale up to other provinces and districts throughout the country. This is an effort to strengthen the national reforms of nationwide system for civil registration.

We are committed to build the infrastructure in health facilities and human and finance resource provision. The information and population system needs to be synchronized with relevant ministries' information system in order to accelerate the implementation of CRVS. Utilizing appropriate ICT is the media and tools to strengthen CRVS, by establishing connectivity and building an integrated system.

In our effort to build an electronic single identity number, the Government of Indonesia has established cooperation with relevant ministries, agencies and other related organizations. The purpose of such cooperation is to exchange and share of data between all the relevant stakeholders.

We have also established a joint commitment letter of cooperation between the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Home Affairs in handling and capturing the data for the cause of death.

Despite all the efforts being done, challenges still remain. We would like to stress the importance of qualified data by establishing an integrated system at the national, provincial, district/municipality levels. We also believe the need to enhance the capacity for our human resources in managing data technically. Furthermore, providing adequate infrastructure and resources would also be a prerequisite in building a sustain system for an improved civil registration and vital statistics.

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In support of the outcome of this conference, we do recognize that the shared vision, goals and action areas are in complementary to strengthen the existing initiatives in Indonesia.

On the action areas, we would like to underline the importance to continue efforts in supporting capacity building, and to develop the necessary technical skills needed. And therefore, we believe that capacity in human resources and infrastructure will be a determining factor in achieving a successful civil registration and vital statistic for all.

The key principles in implementing the regional action framework are essential to ensure progress and achievement can be attained, through the key principles ~~of~~ agreed, **first**, countries taking the lead; **second**, stepwise approach; **third**, flexibility and responsiveness; **fourth**, building on local expertise; **fifth**, consistency with national laws; **sixth**, coordination and alignment.

The outcome of this conference creates a good momentum to improve and continue building awareness of the necessary need for civil registration system and vital statistic. Furthermore, it is an opportunity for all of us concern in our respective countries in Asia and the Pacific to ensure everyone is in the picture and nobody is left behind.

Thank you.