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Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is with pleasure that I bring Greetings from the people and government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

I am very thankful to UNESCAP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, UNDP, SPC, WORLD BANK, and other regional partners for the invitation to partake in this conference on (CRVS) Civil Register Vital Statistics, here in Thailand.

Mr. Chairman, as it indicates in the two relevant documents discussed amongst us for the past few days, and soon to be endorsed by presence respective countries, we look forward to “getting everyone in the picture” in the Asia and the Pacific region as we move forward to actualizing our shared vision, which states that by 2024, all people in Asian and the Pacific will benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems and will support good governance, health and development.

Mr. Chairman, it is crucial that we all review and deliberate the draft documents before us which require us to reiterate and recall previous declarations and conventions that we are party to, as well as to welcome resolutions that our member states were urged to embraced in recent meetings and conventions. I am very confidence that at the end of this conference, respective countries presence herein will all affirm that CRVS systems have a critical role in achieving inclusive and people-centered development in the region.

Therefore, as my country move forward in the implementation phase of this framework, and getting every citizens in the picture, there are actions and initiatives that we need to take into consideration such as;

1. legislative review compliance
2. better implementation of policies and regulations
3. Building the capacity of the key personnel to Improving our CRVS system, and lastly,

4. Public awareness and participation.

Mr. Chairman, In conclusion, I wish to say that the Republic of the Marshall Islands fully support and endorse the Regional Action Framework on Civil Register Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific.

Komol tata, thank you and I look forward to a successful and fruitful outcome of this conference.