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Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific

Governing Council

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2020-2024 Strategic Plan of the Institute

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Note by the secretariat

1. The Council, at its fourteenth session, considered a review of the implementation of the strategic plan for 2015-2019, and decided the formulation of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan take the following into consideration:

- improving course effectiveness;
- impact of e-learning;
- supply and demand analysis;
- use of country expertise;
- mobilizing necessary resources to meet short term demands;
- flexibility in delivery modalities and mobilization of expertise in highly specialized areas;
- better targeting and multiplier effect; and
- delivery through partnerships with national training institutions and other development partners.

2. The draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan is attached for consultation of the Council [**Annex A**]

3. The Council agreed to establish a small working group of Council members to formulate a first draft of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan for further consultation by the Council and possibly the membership of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific, sub-regional organizations and other important stakeholders.

4. A small working group comprising of the Philippines, Japan, the Russian Federation and Vanuatu was established in early 2019. However, in the elections of the Council held in May 2019 during the 75th session of Commission of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Vanuatu did not contest the election and

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Philippines was not re-elected. Therefore, the working group had two vacancies and at the request of the Vice Chair [**Annex B – letter from the Vice Chair**], the Council agreed to fill these two vacancies by Bangladesh and Thailand to make the small working group fully functional.

5. The Vice chair of the Council also requested members of the small working group prepare the draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan by August 2019.

6. The first draft of the 2020-2024 Strategic plan developed by SIAP based on the recommendations made by the Council in 14th session was circulated to the members of the small working group on 26th July 2019. The small working group considered this draft and made suggestions and comments. Based on the comments received from members of the group, the draft was revised by SIAP and circulated to the members in August 2019.

7. In addition, in January 2019, the Council decided, on the request of the Chair of the Governing Council of SIAP, to bring forward by one year the scheduled evaluation of SIAP on its performance in 2019 so that the Council may consider it in the formulation of the draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. In making this decision, it was recognized that bringing forward of the scheduled evaluation may delay the process of preparation of the strategic plan and therefore the strategic plan may only become available by the middle of 2020.

8. All Council members agreed to the bringing forward of the evaluation so it could be considered by the Council in formulation of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. In agreeing, one member, the Government of Japan, requested the strategic plan of the Institute be prepared by March 2020.

9. Final version of Evaluation report of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific 2015-2019 became available in October 2019.

10. The revised draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan of the Institute utilizing the first draft developed by small working group and incorporating the recommendations of the evaluation has been prepared by SIAP for its consideration in the fifteenth session of the Council.

11. Based on the recommendations of the fifteenth session and subsequent consultation in the meeting of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training scheduled for 10 December 2019 as well as consultation with other stakeholders, the draft of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan will be revised. The revised version based on the consultation shall be submitted for the approval of the Council members. This process will be done through electronic consultation.

Action requested from the Council

8. The Governing Council may wish to

- a. review the draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan,
- b. provide further guidance on the draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, bearing in mind the recommendations of the independent evaluation of the Institute will be considered by member States at the UN ESCAP Commission in May 2020, and
- c. agree on a process for finalization of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, bearing in mind
 - (i) the request of one Council member to finalise the plan by March 2020
 - (ii) recommendations of the fourteenth session for possible further consultation with membership of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific, sub-regional organizations and other important stakeholders and
 - (iii) the secretariat's proposal to revise the plan following further consultation and seek approval via electronic consultation.

All Council members will be invited to make a five-minute intervention.