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- ┌ Agenda item 4 : Wednesday all day (not exceeding 3 minutes)
- Implementation of the Regional Action Framework

Thank you Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

The Republic of Korea began collecting vital statistics back in 1962. Since the 1970s, the Republic of Korea has begun to use vital events registrations form administered by the Supreme Court Korea. For example, birth registration forms have been intergrated with family registration items and vital event items. From 1997, Statistics Korea has built the vital events entering system for both central and local administrative agencies.

In 2004, Statistics Korea established a link amongst the family registration systems to produce vital statistics. Each local administrative officials access to the family registration items in the family registration system, and among them, the vital event items are stored as a file. Then, the file uploaded to vital events entering system by each local administrative officials. With the uploaded file Statistics Korea complies and edits the data to analyze and produce vital statistics.

In addition to the civil registrations, Statistics Korea also incorporates other data such as death of infants from the hospitals, crematory data, police data from National Police Agency as well as data from health institutions to increase the accuracy of vital statistics and is planning to increase the use of administrative data to produce statistics on cause of death. The aim of this is to produce more accurate statistics on cause of death. As different administrative institutions are involved and use different codes to the same cases Statistics Korea also created a method to recognize new linking codes to find the same person from the data collected from different institutions.

Statistics Korea has a classification system for cause of death based on ICD10. Next year, it will introduce a new classification system on cause of death to enhance the quality of data coding and to measure up to the international standards.

To effectively carry out these strategies, Statistics Korea with the concerned ministries will continue its efforts to develop the relevant systems, to make legal changes to promote use of administrative data and to strengthen cooperative relationship with data providers.