OPENING REMARK

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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

- The honourable Director General of SESRIC, His Excellency Ambassador Musa KULAKLIKAYA;
- The honourable representatives of Islamic Development Bank, Mr. Ousmane Seck
- Members of the Bureau of OIC Statistical Commission;
- Distinguished Delegates of the NSO of OIC Member Countries,
- Representatives of International Institutions,
- Distinguished guests,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatuh,

A very good morning to all of you,

It is really a great pleasure and honour for me to be here today, to join you in this important meeting, the Seventh Session of OIC Statistical Commission. In this opportunity, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to SESRIC for arranging and organising this important event. It is a very strategic opportunity for us to evaluate our activities during Biennium 2017-2018, to elect the new Members of the Bureau for 2018-2019, to review and discuss future programs, as well as to address opportunities and challenges for the development of official statistics in the OIC member countries.

Ladies and gentlemen,

There is no doubt that we are living in a very dynamic world today. We are witnessing the Industrial Revolution 4.0, the era of which set of highly disruptive technologies, such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and internet of things, are transforming our social, economic,

political systems and also putting huge pressure on leaders and policy-makers to respond. The era is changing the landscape in many significant ways, in the way we never imagine before.

In this era, NSOs are facing some big challenges. Data users demand us not only to improve data quality and publish them on time, but also demand more data varieties. They also demand openness in terms of coverage, accessibility, and interpretability of the data we produced. At the same time, we need to decrease responden burden, and also maintain effective and efficient budgeting. Therefore, there is no other option, facing this era NSOs must adopt new approaches to strengthen their roles on providing data for evidence-based policy making.

Ladies and gentlemen,

At BPS-Statistics Indonesia, we try to adopt new approaches to reform the way we produce official statistics by reforming our human resources, business process, and modernising IT. We have tried to implement QAF and CAPI for improving data quality. With regards to the data variety, BPS-Statistics Indonesia produces new indicators needed by the consumers, such as Violence against Women, Indonesian Democracy Indices, Water Quality, Creative Economics, Maritime Indicators, and Happiness Index.

We have initiated the utilisation of Big Data since two years ago, namely, Mobile Positioning Data (MPD) for international tourism statistics. This year, we are exploring the use of MPD for mobility statistics (commuter statistics) and domestic tourism statistics. To reduce budget and respondent burden, we have tried to integrate surveys and adopt new methodology such as Area Sampling Frame to obtain rice harvested area. Another way is to implement Small Area Estimation (SAE) in order to produce statistic indicators at the lower administrative levels especially for SDGs.

For data dissemination, we are focusing on customer's needs by optimising the use of web, infographics, and social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. We have also launched an official apps available in the PlayStore called All-stats, which contains of statistics data right in **the palm of your hand**. All of these efforts have been done in order to produce high quality of data and bring statistics closer to users. But I have to admit to you, all of these efforts are not easy and seem never enough to tackle the new challenges, so we need to learn from all of you.

For this reason, the seventh session of OIC-Statcom is becoming strategic forum for developing cooperation and partnership among us. I believe this forum provides us a great opportunity to exchange ideas, knowledge, and experiences to modernize our National Statistical System and develop new approaches to strengthen our roles to produce high quality of official statistics.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Before closing my remark, I would like to express my sincere thanks for trusting Indonesia as the Chair of the OIC-StatCom Bureau for the Biennium 2015-2016. I take this opportunity to convey my gratitude to all members of the Bureau: Central Statistical Bureau (CSB), State of Kuwait; and National Agency of Statistics and Demography (ANSD), Republic of Senegal who had become Vice-Chairs, and also to Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), State of Palestine who had become Rapporteur. Thank you very much for your time, energy and contributions that you had given to the Bureau.

Finally, I look forward for a very successful meetings and proactive involvements from all of us during this event. Have good times in Ankara.

Thank you. Www.