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Video congratulatory message

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Excellencies,

Distinguished Colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honour for me to join you today as we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the National Statistics Office of Viet Nam. On behalf of the United Nations Statistics Division – UNSD– my warmest congratulations to all of you on this momentous occasion.

Since the establishment of the first statistical office in May 1946, Viet Nam’s statistical system has traveled a remarkable trajectory—marked by resilience, dedication, and progress. As with many other developing countries, those early years saw immense challenges, including severe resource limitations and constrained capacities. Nevertheless, the statistical community persevered, building professional expertise, institutional structures, and national coverage. Through this effort, Viet Nam has successfully established and consolidated a unified national statistical system, providing essential information to support governance, economic management, and social development during some of the most demanding periods of its history.

More recently, with the country undergoing major economic transformation and integration into the global economy, the National Statistics Office has once again risen to the occasion.

Responding to new demands, it has implemented important reforms in statistical methodologies, classifications, and data compilation practices. International frameworks, including the System

of National Accounts and other global statistical standards, were successfully adopted, further strengthening the credibility, comparability, and relevance of Viet Nam's official statistics.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Economic prosperity is growing amid accelerating technological development, demographic transformations, changing social norms, and shocks that are more frequent – and more intense. In the midst of such rapid changes, your work becomes even more vital. High quality, timely and disaggregated data and statistics are indispensable for guiding policy, informing society and motivating action from a range of stakeholders.

With the Sustainable Development Goals remaining our lodestar, it remains essential to monitor progress, assess outcomes and provide evidence to support focused policy-making through these changing times. It is indeed encouraging to see that the National Statistical Office remains fully committed to discharging this responsibility. UNSD is also committed to supporting you and enhancing our valued partnership.

Viet Nam has actively participated in multiple UNSD capacity development initiatives, such as on the monitoring of the Millennium Development Goals and later, the Sustainable Development Goals. More recently, we have worked with you on cutting-edge approaches like small area estimation and the deployment of a modern data lake technology stack. I am proud of this history of cooperation and of the progress achieved together in strengthening statistical capacities and promoting international standards. I expect that our collaboration will develop further, encompassing areas such as the 2030 round of population and housing census, AI-readiness of official statistics, and the integration of geospatial, statistical and administrative data.

Let me conclude by re-iterating my congratulations and conveying my very best wishes for the continued success of the National Statistics Office of Viet Nam as it continues to grow, innovate and strengthen its role as a pillar of national development.

Thank you!