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Summary

This note presents a summary of the plans for the 2014 Population and housing census of Andorra. A full version of this paper is available in French.

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3. In Andorra the first Population Census was undertaken in 1989. Since then there has been no other survey, that’s why it is necessary to carry out Population and Buildings and Housing Censuses¹ by 2014. Due to our limited dimensional and population size (around 70,000 inhabitants, 47,000 Buildings and 29,500 households), a classical census methodology seems feasible to be used, where all population and units of buildings shall be

¹ Understand as Buildings and Housing Censuses as all addresses doomed to residence and to economic activity.

included in the survey through direct interviews within a limited time, in order to obey universal and individuality principles.

4. The purpose of this survey it is not only for statistical purposes but to harmonize and correct all related administrative databases. As of framework regulation, Population Census is regulated in article 13 of the Census Act. The data used for statistical purposes is subject to Statistics Act, approved in April. As of “Buildings and housing Census”, we are currently working in a draft of what shall be the new regulation framework of “National Database on Buildings”

5. We expect to proceed with the survey during the low season period from September to October 2014. The field work shall consist on the review of the current data collected by different public registers from which we expect to identify around 60 to 70% of Buildings and Households, and 95% of the Population. Scheduled procedure steps consist of:

- (a) Pre-census data file/pre-questionnaire to be sent to households, to be answered by regular mail, through the internet, or assisted by local administration workers.
- (b) Carrying out field work:
 - (i) Thorough Buildings and Housing Census.
 - (ii) Population Census covering the whole country.

6. The main objective is to correct and enhance administrative databases on Population and Building and Housing. This objective along with legal framework and information systems for the management of Population and Buildings and Housing improvements shall make possible to perform continuous census, in order to avoid repeating the same thing over and over again. Thus, laying down the foundations, from 2015 on, by having an appropriated legal framework and being able to have available interconnected databases permanently updated.
