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2020 POPULATION CENSUS IN AZERBAIJAN: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to the Presidential Decree on the Population Census in Azerbaijan dated 7 September 2016 and to ensure CIS-wise comparability of population census data, the next population census in Azerbaijan is planned for 1-10 October 2019. The State Statistics Committee was requested to take all necessary preparatory steps and to conduct the census, and to prepare, publish and disseminate census results. A relevant Action Plan and Government Resolution are being currently prepared. The Republican Census Promotion Commission will be established under the Government to coordinate activities of the ministries, agencies and local governments for preparing and conducting the census. The commission will be chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister. Its members will include heads of relevant ministries, agencies and other central authorities.

Given the increasing need of data on the disabled, a set of relevant questions is planned to be included into the questionnaire. Also there are plans to expand questions on living conditions and housing.

Questions for the census questionnaire will be prepared in line with the UN principles and recommendations, and in line with the list of social, economic and demographic indicators approved by the Council of Heads of CIS Statistical Offices.

Considering the international practice of using population registers for census purposes the State Statistics Committee is taking steps to get connected to the Population Register Public Service under the Ministry of Justice. However, the use of this register only, in the absence of other registers (such as families register, employment, education, housing, business registers, etc.) requires a combined approach when traditional census is combined with the data from the population register. This will help to obtain a better description of social, economic and demographic structure of the population.

During the pilot census there are plans to test usage of tablets and other handhelds for completing questionnaires.

The use of electronic questionnaire will help to improve quality of responses, to use formal and logic controls during data entry, to reduce time for completing questionnaires, to automate monitoring of the census progress through electronic daily monitoring of the quantity and quality of completed questionnaires in each enumeration area.

In addition, the use of tablets and modern technology solutions will help to monitor enumerators' performance and location.