Introduction to the Generic Statistical Law

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Generic Statistical Law

- Developed under the UN Development Account 9th tranche project for the EECCA countries
  - UNECE, EFTA, Eurostat and experts
- Takes into account the environment of the countries based on the findings of Global Assessments
- 1. Provides a strong reference for developing
  - Solid legal basis for the functioning of the National Statistical System (NSS)
  - Production of high quality official statistics
- 2. Supports modernization of NSS

An authoritative reference for

Strong professional independence

–Backstopping for independently produced statistics

–Integrity of the Chief Statistician (Head of NSO)

Unified National Statistical System (NSS)

–Clear borders of the NSS

–Close coordination of statistical activities

Mandate for data collection and editing

–Data provision compulsory for administrative data provides and in business surveys free of charge

–Strict protection of data confidentiality

An enabler of modernization

Label of official statistics and quality

–Criteria for official statistics

–Regular consultations with users, respondents and the academia

–Transparency

Reuse of data

–More data exchange within the NSS

–Statistical services

–Microdata for scientific research purposes

General Goals

- Fully in line with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the European Statistics Code of Practice
- Aims to enhance public trust and promote the use of official statistics
- Provides a model and key reference when amending national statistical legislation
  - Needs to be adjusted to each country's legislative environment
  - Encourages adoption of new forward looking practices