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PROGRESS REPORT

(Memorandum prepared by the Secretary-General)

1. For the information of the Commission, the Progress Report on the 1960 World Population Census Programme (document ST/STAT/P/L.23/Rev.1) is presented as an addendum to this document. The report reviews the national and international activities in connexion with the programme since its inception in 1953. It outlines United Nations activities in census promotion, the preparation of technical studies and manuals, the preparation of census principles and recommendations, and the provision of technical aid. Lists of the censuses taken or planned for the period 1955-64, of international meetings connected with the programme, and of basic reference and training materials on population censuses issued by the United Nations are included as annexes.
2. Since the Progress Report, and its annexes, constitute a necessary introduction to the Principles and Recommendations for National Population Censuses (document ST/STAT/P/L.1/Rev.2 presented to the Commission as document E/CN.3/236), the Commission may wish to request the Secretary-General to print and distribute the Progress Report to Governments, regional bodies and individual census experts together with the Principles and Recommendations as a single document.
3. In addition, the Commission may wish to express its interest that the new series of census handbooks mentioned in the Progress Report be made available during 1958 and 1959 so that they can be of use to countries now planning censuses and in the regional training centres to be conducted by the United Nations and FAO.

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I. National census activity in the decade 1955-1964

1. Significant progress in the field of population censuses was made by the countries of the world around 1950, particularly in Latin America, the Far East and Africa. Considered collectively, the censuses of population taken during the decade 1945-54 more nearly approached a "world census" than those at any other similar period in history. The main results of most of these censuses are now available in national and international publications. The 1955 and 1956 issues of the Demographic Yearbook of the United Nations are largely devoted to census compilations.<sup>1/</sup>
2. Many Governments are making plans for new population censuses to be taken around the year 1960. For convenience, it is considered that the new series of censuses embraces the decade 1955-1964. This series of national censuses is known as the 1960 World Population Census Programme.
3. According to information collected by the United Nations as of December 1957, it appears likely that at least 147 countries, both independent and non-self-governing, will take population censuses during the decade 1955-1964. This represents 83 per cent of the world total of 178 countries shown in Annex I, which contains a detailed listing of the censuses taken or planned by each country. Of these 147, forty-eight countries planned a census during 1955-1957. As of December 1957, it was known that forty-six of these censuses had been taken. An additional ninety-nine countries are planning a census to be taken during the period 1958-1964. Furthermore, twelve of the countries which have already taken one census since 1955 are planning to take a second one during the decade.
4. A majority of the countries in each of the major regions of the world will be represented, including approximately 73 per cent of the countries of Asia and the Far East, 76 per cent of the countries of Oceania, 83 per cent of the countries of Africa and the Near East, 87 per cent of the Americas and 88 per cent of the European countries. It is quite possible that the actual number of censuses taken in each area will be even greater than anticipated since at least some of the countries for which information has not yet been received may actually be planning a census.

<sup>1/</sup> United Nations. Demographic Yearbook 1955. Special topic: Population censuses. New York, 1956. Demographic Yearbook 1956. Special topic: Ethnic and economic characteristics. New York, 1957.

## II. International activities related to the 1960 census programme

5. Although census-taking is a national responsibility, there is a useful place reserved for the international organizations working in this field which provide appropriate machinery for an exchange of technical information and experience. The usefulness of the role played by international agencies in the field of population censuses is amply documented by the recent history of the 1950 series of national censuses and can be traced back to a more remote history of international co-operation. The First International Statistical Congress, held in Brussels in 1853, adopted a very important resolution, perhaps the first formal international recommendation on the subject, establishing some basic requirements aiming at the international comparability of population census data and the standardization of techniques.<sup>2/</sup>

6. The United Nations programme in relation to the 1960 population censuses was launched in 1953, with the following statement made by the Population Commission at its seventh session:

"The Commission noted that the Secretariat already had under way a series of studies of recent population censuses in order to evaluate the definition of each item and the instructions to enumerators. It requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the findings of such studies to the Commission at an appropriate future session. Attention was called also to the importance of evaluating as soon as feasible all the experience gained in conducting recent censuses, and of taking steps to use this information in developing plans for future censuses - some of which may be taken as early as 1955 - in order that further improvement may be achieved."<sup>3/</sup>

At about the same time it was suggested to the seventh session of the Statistical Commission that the

"recent census experience, including tabulations, be reviewed by the Secretary-General at an appropriate time so that new proposals for items, classifications, definitions and tabulations could be considered by the Statistical Commission and other interested bodies not later than 1956."<sup>4/</sup>

<sup>2/</sup> Compte rendu général des travaux du Congrès International de Statistique aux sessions de Bruxelles, 1853; Paris, 1855; Vienne, 1857; Londres, 1860; Berlin, 1863; Florence, 1867; et La Haye, 1869. Publié par le Ministre de l'Intérieur de Russie. St. Petersburg, 1872.

<sup>3/</sup> United Nations. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the seventh session of the /Population/ Commission. Doc. E/2359. New York, 11 February 1953.

<sup>4/</sup> United Nations. Review of national and international statistics. (Prepared for the seventh session of the Statistical Commission). Doc. E/CN.3/148, 22 January 1953.

7. At their respective eighth sessions, each of the two Commissions expressed additional views on the topics and types of activity for which further action was desirable.<sup>5/</sup>

8. In accordance with the views expressed by both the Population Commission and the Statistical Commission, in 1953 and at subsequent sessions, work under the 1960 World Population Census Programme has been concentrated during the past five years on the following major areas of activity: (a) promotion of censuses to be taken in and around 1960 throughout the world, with emphasis on early planning, training and tests; (b) preparation of new methodological studies and of revised handbooks and manuals; (c) development of principles and recommendations in consultation with national statistical services, regional bodies, specialized agencies and other world-wide bodies; (d) programming of various forms of technical assistance.

A. Census promotion

9. While for the 1950 series of censuses the emphasis was placed on increasing international comparability, the main concern of international organizations in recent years has been to persuade as many countries as possible to take and complete some type of population enumeration in or around the year 1960 and to use, in so far as feasible, a new set of world-wide and regional recommendations aiming primarily at improving the quality of the data for national purposes and secondarily at international comparability. Through a combination of favourable factors, it appears that a number of countries larger than those which took a population census around 1950 will take a new census around 1960. If they adhere to a new set of census recommendations, the old ideal of a "world census" launched at the end of the nineteenth century<sup>6/</sup> will be closer to reality than ever before.

10. Participation in the 1960 World Census Programme has been stimulated primarily through numerous conferences and meetings of world-wide and regional

<sup>5/</sup> United Nations. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the eighth session of the /Statistical/ Commission. Doc. E/2569, New York, 23 April 1954. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the eighth session of the /Population/ Commission. Doc. E/2707, New York, 5 April 1955.

<sup>6/</sup> Bulletin de l'Institut International de Statistique. Tome XI, Premier livraison, St. Petersburg, 1899. Première partie, p. 200-207, 215-218; Seconde partie, p. 220-250. See also: Körösy, Joseph de, Projet d'un Recensement du Monde - Etude de statistique internationale. Paris, 1881.

bodies which have expressed a general interest in the programme or which, in addition, have been concerned with its technical content. A complete listing of the international meetings connected with the programme during the period 1954-1957 is given in Annex II of this document. The list indicates the relevant topics covered at each meeting and cites any report concerned with the census programme.

11. The Statistical Commission and the Population Commission of the United Nations, meeting in alternate years, have given strong support to the programme. Other world-wide bodies concerned with particular aspects of the programme, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Conference of Labour Statisticians, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, have co-operated in its co-ordinated development. But, undoubtedly, from the standpoint of census promotion and participation, the most significant feature of the 1960 World Census Programme is the valuable activities of the following regional bodies: the Conference of Asian Statisticians, the Conference of European Statisticians, the Conference on the Demographic Problems of the Area served by the Caribbean Commission, the Inter-African Conference on Statistics, the Inter-American Statistical Institute, and the Statistical Seminar for Arab States. Some of these bodies, namely the Conference of European Statisticians and the Inter-American Statistical Institute, have been particularly active in the field of censuses and have convened a number of meetings of working groups and special committees.

12. Besides the meetings, the programme has been promoted through the dissemination of resolutions, general statements, tentative census plans and technical documents and the maintenance of frequent correspondence with national statistical services and census experts.

#### B. Technical studies and manuals

13. In accordance with recommendations of the Statistical Commission and the Population Commission, a number of methodological studies based on the 1945-54 census experience have been completed by the United Nations Secretariat. The following subjects have been covered: types of data collected, total population,

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sex and age characteristics, place of birth, citizenship or legal nationality, language, educational characteristics, nuptiality and fertility, religion, physical and mental disabilities, economic characteristics, ethnic characteristics, census tests, enumeration in population censuses, and the application of sampling methods in population censuses. Annex III contains a list of the titles of documents covering these subjects together with all other basic reference and training materials on population censuses issued by the United Nations. The preparation of a new series of handbooks has been recommended by the Statistical and Population Commissions. It is expected that the new series, based on the methodological studies mentioned above and other suitable material, will become available during 1958-1959.

C. Census principles and recommendations

14. Perhaps it is in this area of the programme where the experience of the 1950 series of censuses has been most profitable. It was found that international census recommendations could be made still more useful by (a) stimulating greater participation of regional bodies, national statistical services and individual experts in their development; (b) allowing for regional co-ordination and adaptation of the world-wide recommendations to the peculiar conditions of each region or sub-region; (c) expanding the scope of the recommendations to include principles concerning the efficient planning, organization and administration of a census in addition to those relating to types of data to be collected, definitions and tabulations; (d) consolidating all the draft world-wide principles and recommendations in a single document to be gradually revised in the light of comments by regional bodies, national agencies and individual experts; and (e) ensuring the final approval of the world-wide recommendations early in 1958 in order to give time to the regional and national statistical bodies to consider their use, with or without adaptations, in the planning of the 1960 censuses.

15. The principles and recommendations for the 1960 World Population Census Programme have been developed strictly in accordance with these points. Two earlier drafts, which were issued in May 1955 and in August 1956, were submitted for the consideration of Governments, various meetings held by the regional bodies mentioned above and individual census experts. Their comments have been

duly taken into account in preparing each revision. The first draft was reviewed by the Statistical Commission at its ninth session. At the request of the Statistical Commission the second draft was submitted for review to the ninth session of the Population Commission.

16. Document ST/STAT/P/L.1/Rev.2 contains the definitive world-wide principles and recommendations for planning and conducting national population censuses. It recommends the compilation of data on twenty-one topics which are considered of most general national and international value and in most universal use. As a further aid to census officials, definitions and classifications of each recommended topic are also included. Finally, the recommendations include a set of tabulations for each of the topics, constituting a modest tabulation programme embracing first priority tabulations, regarded as of most general national and international importance and practicability, and second priority tabulations, also of generally recognized value but which serve somewhat more specialized purposes or involve more elaborate or expensive compilation procedures. It is recognized, of course, that countries can add many useful and practicable tabulations if sufficient resources are available to undertake more ambitious tabulation schemes.

17. In addition to the specific recommendations the document includes statements of widely recognized principles of efficient census planning and administration for consideration and use by countries as an aid in improving national census operations.

18. Cognizance is taken of the fact that sampling methods will undoubtedly be used increasingly as a supplement to complete inquiry in censuses. It is expected that countries equipped to do so will collect some of the data by sampling, although certain information will most probably need to be collected on a 100 per cent basis.

19. It is now for the national and regional bodies to consider the utilization or regional adaptation of the principles and recommendations in connexion with the censuses to be taken in or around 1960. It is expected, for example, that attempts will be made by regional bodies to recommend certain classifications of economic characteristics and other topics which will allow the data to fit more nearly to regional and national conditions. It is understood that the

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regional recommendations will not conflict with the world-wide recommendations and that further regional meetings will take place not later than December 1958 in order to give the countries sufficient time for using the recommendations in the early planning of their censuses.

D. Technical aid in population censuses

20. In accordance with the decisions of the Statistical and Population Commissions, the United Nations is actively planning the provision of various forms of technical aid to countries in connexion with the census programme, taking into account the views of national statistical services and regional bodies. Such aid is, of course, conditioned by the availability of resources, and would be provided upon requests of countries for fellowships, regional census training centres, teams of experts and individual consultants. The technical assistance needs of countries and their ability to provide help to other countries are being surveyed.

21. The organization of regional training centres and teams of experts is being planned jointly by the United Nations and FAO in order to integrate the activities connected with the censuses of population with those of the censuses of agriculture to be taken in or around 1960. Plans are under way for the establishment of two training centres during the second half of 1958. One centre will be held for the countries of the Far East while the other will serve the countries of Latin America. It is envisaged that the training period will be approximately four months and will include lectures, discussion and actual training in census techniques through the preparation and carrying out of census field tests.

22. The possibility of further expanding the resources available for technical assistance in the field of censuses is being actively explored.

23. The main responsibility for census-taking originates and remains with each Government. It appears then that during the coming years the Governments will again carry the greater responsibility of planning and carrying out their new censuses. It will continue to be the role of the United Nations and of other international agencies concerned to supplement, through various forms of regional and world-wide co-operation, the efforts of national Governments directed at improving the quality of census data for national and international use.

1960 WORLD CENSUS PROGRAMME (POPULATION AND AGRICULTURE)\*

New Series of National Censuses, 1955-64

(Information as of December 1957, and subject to change)

The symbols below indicate the year of the 1955-1964 decade in which, according to existing legislation, census tradition or current plans, a national population census (P) or a national census of agriculture (A) has been taken or is likely to be taken, or that the year is not known.

Region and country	Census decade, 1955-1964										Year not known
	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62	'63	'64	
AFRICA AND THE NEAR EAST											
Aden <sup>1/</sup>	P					A					
Algeria						A				P	
Angola						P					A
Bahrain			P								A
Basutoland		P									A
Bechuanaland		P				A					
Belgian Congo						A					P
British Somaliland						A	P				
Cameroons (Br. Adm.)						A		P			
Cameroons (Fr. Adm.)			P								A
Cape Verde Islands						P					A
Cyprus		P				A					
Egypt						A					P
Ethiopia and Eritrea						A					P
French Equatorial Africa		P									A
French Somaliland		P									A
French West Africa		P									A

\* The Statistical Office of the United Nations (New York) is responsible for the population aspect of the programme while the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Rome) is responsible for the agricultural aspect.

<sup>1/</sup> Aden Colony.

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New Series of National Censuses, 1955-1964 (cont'd.)

Region and country	Census decade, 1955-1964										Year not known
	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62	'63	'64	
AFRICA AND THE NEAR EAST (cont'd.)											
Gambia						A	P				
Ghana						A					P
Iran		P									A
Iraq			P	A				A			
Israel						P <sup>2/</sup> /A					
Jordan				P		A					
Kenya					P <sup>3/</sup>	A					
Kuwait			P								A
Lebanon										P	A
Liberia			P								A
Libya						A				P	
Madagascar		P									A
Mauritius						A		P			
Morocco			P								A
Mozambique						P	A				
Muscat and Oman											P A
Nigeria, Federation of						P	A				
Portuguese Guinea						P					A
Qatar			P <sup>4/</sup>								A
Reunion										P	A
Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Federation of		P				A	P				

- 2/ Not yet decided whether it will take place in 1960 or at a later date.  
3/ It is expected that the census will be held in 1959 or 1960.  
4/ No date has been fixed, but may be held in the winter of 1957-58.

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Region and country	Census decade, 1955-1964										Year not known
	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62	'63	'64	
AFRICA AND THE NEAR EAST (cont'd.)											
Ruanda-Urundi											P A
Saudi Arabia											P A
Saint Helena		P				A					
Seychelles			P			A					
Sierra Leone			P			A					
Somaliland (Italian Admin.)											P A
South West Africa							P				A
Spanish Guinea						P					A
Spanish Possessions in North Africa						P					A
Spanish West Africa						P					A
Sudan		P				A					
Swaziland		P				A					
Syria				P							A
Tanganyika			P			A					
Togoland (Fr. Adm.)								P			A
Trucial Oman											P A
Tunisia		P				A					
Turkey	P					P A					
Uganda				P		A					
Union of South Africa	A	A	A	A	A	A	P A	A	A	A	
Yemen											P A
Zanzibar and Pemba				P		A					

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Region and country	Census decade, 1955-1964										Year not known
	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62	'63	'64	
AMERICA: NORTH, CENTRAL AND SOUTH											
Alaska					A	P					
Argentina						P	A				
Bermuda						P	A				
Bolivia						P	A				
Brazil						P	A				
British Guiana						P	A				
British Honduras							A				P
British West Indies						P					A
Canada		P	A					P	A		
Canal Zone						P					A
Chile	A					P					
Colombia					A	P					
Costa Rica						P	A				
Cuba									P		A
Dominican Republic						P	A				
Ecuador						P				A	
El Salvador						P	A				
Falkland Islands							A		P		
French Guiana										P	A
Greenland								P			A
Guadeloupe										P	A
Guatemala						P	A				
Haiti						P					A
Honduras						P	A				
Martinique										P	A

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Region and country	Census decade, 1955-1964										Year not known
	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62	'63	'64	
AMERICA: NORTH, CENTRAL AND SOUTH (cont'd.)											
Mexico						P A					
Netherlands Antilles											P A
Nicaragua						P A					
Panama						P A					
Paraguay		A				P					
Peru					P A						
Puerto Rico						P					A
St. Pierre and Miquelon							P				A
Surinam											P A
United States of America					A	P					
Uruguay		A						A			P
Venezuela						P A					
Virgin Islands						P					A
ASIA AND THE FAR EAST											
Afghanistan						P					A
Bhutan											P A
Burma							P				A
Cambodia					P						A
Ceylon				A					P		
China, Mainland											P A
China, Taiwan		P									A

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Region and country	Census decade, 1955-1964										Year not known
	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62	'63	'64	
ASIA AND THE FAR EAST (cont'd.)											
Hong Kong											P A
India						A	P				
Indonesia						A	P				
Japan	P					P	A				
Korea, North											P A
Korea, South	P					P					A
Laos				P	A						
Macau						P					A
Malaya, Federation of			P			A					
Maldivé Islands		P									A
Mongolian Peop. Rep.											P A
Nepal											P A
North Borneo						A	P				
Pakistan						A	P				
Philippines						P	A				
Portuguese India						P					A
Portuguese Timor						P					A
Ryukyu Islands	P										A
Sarawak						A					P
Singapore			P			A					
Thailand						P	A				
Viet-Nam						P	A				
West New Guinea											P A

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Region and country	Census decade, 1955-1964										Year not known	
	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62	'63	'64		
EUROPE												
Albania	P											A
Andorra												P A
Austria						A	P <sup>5/</sup>					
Belgium						P A						
Bulgaria		P										A
Czechoslovakia						P A						
Denmark	P A	A	A	A	A	P A	A	A	A	A		
Faeroe Islands						P						A
Finland					A	P						
France	A						P					
Germany, East					P							A
Germany, West						P A						
Greece					A		P					
Hungary												P A
Iceland						P						A
Ireland	A	P A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Italy				A			P					
Liechtenstein	P					P						A
Luxembourg						P A						
Malta and Gozo												P A
Monaco		P										A
Netherlands	A	A	A	A	A	P A	A	A	A	A		
Norway					P A	P						
Poland				P								A

5/ On the basis of Federal Law BGB 1, No. 159 of 5 July 1950 the date of the next population census will fall in the period 1 July 1960 to 30 June 1961.



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Region and country	Census decade, 1955-1964										Year not known	
	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62	'63	'64		
EUROPE (cont'd)												
Portugal						P						A
Romania		P										A
San Marino												P A
Spain						P						A
Sweden		A				P	A					
Switzerland						P						A
United Kingdom	A	A	A	A	A	A	P A	A	A	A		
USSR					P							A
Yugoslavia					A		P					
OCEANIA												
American Samoa						P						A
Australia	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P A	
British Solomon Islands												P A
Cook Islands		P					P					A
Fiji Islands		P										A
French Oceania		P										A
Gilbert and Ellice Is.												P A
Guam						P						A
Hawaii						P						A
New Caledonia		P										A
New Guinea												P A
New Zealand	A	P A	A	A	A	A	P A	A	A	A		

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Region and country	Census decade, 1955-1964										Year not known
	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62	'63	'64	
OCEANIA (cont'd.)											
Niue		P					P				A
Pacific Islands											P A
Tokelau Islands		P					P				A
Tonga		P									A
Western Samoa		P					P				A

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International meetings connected with the programme, 1954-1957

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Meeting (topics, conclusions)</u>
<u>1954:</u>		
5-22 April	Geneva	UN Statistical Commission, eighth session. Among main topics: population censuses Conclusions: Report (UN document E/2569 or E/CN.3/192).
26 June - 6 Aug.	Geneva	UN Economic and Social Council, eighteenth session. Among main topics: population censuses Conclusions: E/2654, Resolutions of ECOSOC, 18th ses.
23 Nov. - 3 Dec.	Geneva	Eighth International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Among main topics: Draft international classification of occupations Conclusions: Resolutions adopted by the Eighth International Conference of Labour Statisticians (Doc. 8 ICLS/D.18).
<u>1955:</u>		
14-24 March	New York	UN Population Commission, eighth session. Among main topics: population censuses Conclusions: Report (E/2707 or E/CN.9/126).
3-22 June	Petropolis, Brazil	III Inter-American Statistical Conference, including III session of the Committee on Improvement of National Statistics (COINS) of the Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI), and I session of the Census Subcommittee. Among main topics: population censuses Conclusions: IASI documents 3583a, 3585ab and 2440ab.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Meeting (topics, conclusions)</u>
<u>1955:</u>		
22-27 August	Geneva	Working Group on Censuses of Population, Conference of European Statisticians. Main topic: Censuses of population Conclusions: Report (Conf.Eur.Stats/WG.6/5).
26 Sept. - 1 Oct.	Geneva	Conference of European Statisticians, third plenary session. Among main topics: population censuses Conclusions: Report (Conf.Eur.Stats/37).
16 Oct. - 5 Nov.	Geneva	Working Group of Experts on the International Standard Classification of Occupations. Main topic: classification by occupations Conclusions: Report of the Working Group (I.S.C.O/4).
19 Nov. - 1 Dec.	Cairo	First Statistical Seminar for Arab States. Among main topics: population censuses Conclusions: Report (Arab Stat.Sem./ Report, "Final Report of the Statistical Seminar for Arab States").
<u>1956:</u>		
30 Jan. - 10 Feb.	Washington, D.C.	II session of Census Sub-committee of COINS. Among main topics: population censuses Conclusions: Report (IASI Doc. 2440ab).
13-17 February	Geneva	Expert Group on Classification of Persons by Status, Conference of European Statisticians. Main topic: classification by status Conclusions: Report (WG.6/EG.29).
29 March - 7 April	Bangkok	Fourth Regional Conference of Statisticians for Asia and the Far East. Among main topics: population censuses Conclusions: Report (E/CN.11/433).
16 April - 2 May	New York	UN Statistical Commission, ninth session. Among main topics: population censuses Conclusions: Report (E/2876 or E/CN.3/225).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Meeting (topics, conclusions)</u>
<u>1956:</u>		
25-30 June	Geneva	Conference of European Statisticians, fourth plenary session. Among main topics: review of the Expert Group's report Conclusions: Report (CONF.Eur.Stats/61).
6 August	Geneva	UN Economic and Social Council, 22nd session. Among main topics: Report of the Statistical Commission. Conclusions: Resolution E/RES(XXII)/11,B.
8-20 October	Cairo	Near East Conference on the 1960 World Census of Agriculture. Main topic: 1960 World Census of Agriculture Conclusions: Report of the Near East Conference on the 1960 World Census of Agriculture.
22 October-2 November	Washington D.C.	IV session of COINS. Main topics: Population and housing censuses, technical assistance Conclusions: Conclusions (IASI doc. 3680).
13-17 November	Geneva	I meeting, Group of Rapporteurs (appointed by the Conference of European Statisticians) on economic characteristics. Main topic: socio-professional classification Conclusions: Report (Conf.Eur.Stats/WG.6/9).
19-24 November	Geneva	Working Group on Censuses of Population and Housing, Conference of European Statisticians, second session. Main topic: population and housing censuses Conclusions: Report (Conf.Eur.Stats/WG.6/25).
11-20 December	Rome	Working Group on Agricultural Censuses and Surveys, Conference of European Statisticians. Main topic: 1960 World Census of Agriculture Conclusions: Report (Conf.Eur.Stats/WG.8/8).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Meeting (topics, conclusions)</u>
<u>1957:</u>		
11-21 February	Washington, D.C.	III session of Census Subcommittee of COINS. Main topics: census of agriculture, development of 1960 COTA programme Conclusions: Report (IASI doc. 2648ab).
25 Feb. - 8 March	New York	UN Population Commission, ninth session. Among main topics: World Population Census Programme and United Nations draft census recommendations Conclusions: Report (E/2957/Rev.1).
11-13 March	Lisbon	Special Meeting of the Inter-African Committee on Statistics. Main topic: 1960 World Census of Agriculture Conclusions: Report (CCTA/CSA London (57) 41).
8-17 April	Bangkok	V Regional Meeting of ECAFE Statisticians and I Conference of Asian Statisticians. Among main topics: agricultural censuses Conclusions: Report to ECAFE (Doc. E/CN.11/456).
24 April - 3 May	Geneva	IX International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Among main topics: occupational classification, status classification, underemployment, etc. Conclusions: Record (G.B.137/6/5).
6-10 May	Geneva	II Meeting, Group of Rapporteurs (appointed by the Conference of European Statisticians) on economic characteristics. Main topic: major classifications of the population by economic characteristics Conclusions: Report (Conf.Eur.Stats/ WG.6/26).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Meeting (topics, conclusions)</u>
17-21 June 1957	Geneva	Conference of European Statisticians, fifth plenary session. Among main topics: review of rapporteurs' new report. Conclusions: Report (Conf.Eur.Stats/80).
17-28 June	Rome	FAO Group of census experts for preparing the final draft of the 1960 agricultural programme. Main topic: 1960 World Census of Agriculture Conclusions: Programme of the 1960 World Census of Agriculture.
25 July - 2 Aug.	Trinidad	Conference on the Demographic Problems of the area served by the Caribbean Commission. Among main topics: population censuses Conclusions: Report.
21-31 October	Lourenço Marques	Inter-African Conference on Statistics, second session. Among main topics: agricultural and population censuses Conclusions: Report (STATS II, Doc. (57) 22).
31 Oct. - 12 Nov.	Washington, D.C.	IV session of Census Subcommittee of COINS. Main topics: housing censuses (including households) and technical assistance Conclusions: Report.
14-27 November	Washington, D.C.	V session of COINS. Main topics: agricultural census and technical assistance Conclusions: Conclusions (IASI doc. 3714).
2-22 November	Rome	Ninth session of the FAO Conference. Among main topics: 1960 World Census of Agriculture Conclusions: Report of the ninth session of the Conference.
9-14 December	Geneva	Working Group on Population and Housing Censuses (Conf. of European Statisticians). Main topics: population and housing censuses Conclusions: Report (Conf.Eur.Stats/WG.6/51).

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BASIC REFERENCE AND TRAINING MATERIALS ON POPULATION  
 CENSUSES ISSUED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

Part I. 1950 Population Census Programme

A. POPULATION CENSUS MANUALS (Based on the 1935-44 census experience)

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Language*</u>
ST/STAT/SER.F/5	<u>Handbook of population census methods. Studies in Methods, Series F, No. 5, 143 pages.</u>	E
ST/SOA/Series A/4	<u>Population Census Methods. Population Studies, No. 4, 197 pages.</u>	E F S
ST/SOA/Series A/6	<u>Fertility data in population censuses. Population Studies, No. 6. 31 pages.</u>	E F S
ST/SOA/Series A/7	<u>Methods of using census statistics for the calculation of life tables and other demographic measures. Population Studies, No. 7, 60 pages. (With applications to the population of Brazil.)</u>	E F S
ST/SOA/Series A/8	<u>Data on urban and rural population in recent censuses. Population Studies, No. 8, 27 pages.</u>	E F S
ST/SOA/Series A/9	<u>Application of international standards to census data on the economically active population. Population Studies, No. 9, 139 pages.</u>	E F S
ST/SOA/Series A/10	<u>Methods of estimating population: Manual I: Methods of estimating total population for current dates. Population Studies, No. 10, 45 pages.</u>	E F S
ST/SOA/Series A/23	<u>Methods of estimating population: Manual II: Methods of Appraisal of Quality of Basic data for population estimates. Population Studies, No. 23, 67 pages.</u>	E F S

\* E = English; F = French; S = Spanish; R = Russian; A = Arabic.



<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Language</u>
ST/SOA/Series A/25	<u>Methods of estimating population: Manual III: Methods for population projections by sex and age: Population Studies, No. 25, 81 pages.</u>	E S
B. POPULATION CENSUS DATA AND TECHNICAL NOTES		
	<u>Demographic Yearbook 1955. Special Topic: Population Censuses. 781 pages.</u>	E F
	<u>Demographic Yearbook 1956. Special Topic: Ethnic and Economic Characteristics. 744 pages</u>	E F
<u>Part II. 1960 World Population Census Programme</u>		
A. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS		
E/CN.3/185	Population census activities (9 February 1954)	E F S
E/2569 E/CN.3/192	Report to the Economic and Social Council on eighth session of the <u>Statistical</u> Commission held in Geneva from 5 to 22 April 1954.	E F S
E/2654	Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, eighteenth session. 29 June - 6 August 1954. Resolutions, Supplement No. 1. (Res. 536 (XVIII)).	E F S R
E/CN.9/121	Preparation of standards for population censuses to be taken around 1960 (25 January 1955).	E F S R
E/2707 E/CN.9/126	Report to the Economic and Social Council on the eighth session of the <u>Population</u> Commission held in New York from 14 to 24 March 1955.	E F S
E/CN.3/210	World Population Census Programme - Progress report (20 February 1956).	E F S R
E/2876 E/CN.3/225	Report of the <u>Statistical</u> Commission to the Economic and Social Council on its ninth session, held in New York from 16 April to 2 May 1956.	E F S

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Language</u>
E/2929	Official records of the Economic and Social Council, twenty-second session. 9 July - 9 August 1956. Resolutions, Supplement No. 1. (Res. 622 B (XXII)).	E F S R
E/CN.9/134	1960 World Population Census Programme - Background and progress (28 September 1956).	E F S R
E/CN.9/134/Add.1	1960 World Population Census Programme - New Series of National Population Censuses, 1955-1964 (29 January 1957).	E F S
E/2957/Rev.1 E/CN.9/144/Rev.1	Report to the Economic and Social Council on the ninth session of the <u>Population</u> Commission, held in New York, from 25 February to 8 March 1957.	E F S R
ST/STAT/P/L.23	1960 World Population Census Programme - New Series of National Population Censuses, 1955-1964 (4 April 1957).	E F S

B. METHODOLOGICAL STUDIES (Based on the 1945-54 census experience)

ST/STAT/P/L.2	Types of data collected (10 May 1955).	E F S R
ST/STAT/P/L.3	Total population (11 May 1955).	E F S R
ST/STAT/P/L.3/Corr.1	" "	F only
ST/STAT/P/L.4	Sex and age characteristics (28 April 1955).	E F S R
ST/STAT/P/L.5	Marital status (28 April 1955).	E F S
ST/STAT/P/L.6	Place of birth (28 April 1955).	E F S R
ST/STAT/P/L.7	Citizenship or legal nationality (28 April 1955).	E F S R
ST/STAT/P/L.8	Language (28 April 1955).	E F S
ST/STAT/P/L.9	Educational characteristics (28 April 1955).	E F S R
ST/STAT/P/L.10	Nuptiality and fertility (28 April 1955).	E F S
ST/STAT/P/L.11	Religion (28 April 1955).	E F S

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ST/STAT/P/L.12	Physical and mental disabilities (28 April 1955)	E F S
ST/STAT/P/L.13	Economic characteristics (9 May 1955).	E F S R
ST/STAT/P/L.14	Applications of statistical sampling (22 July 1955).	E F S
ST/STAT/P/L.14/Rev.1	Sampling methods and population censuses (8 November 1957).	E
ST/STAT/P/L.15	Studies in data-processing methods (7 July 1955).	E F S
ST/STAT/P/L.16	Timing and inter-relationship of population censuses with censuses of housing, agriculture, industry and distribution (8 August 1955).	E F S
ST/STAT/P/L.21	Ethnic characteristics and native customs (16 January 1956).	E F S
ST/STAT/P/L.24	Notes for a methodology of census tests (6 June 1957).	E F S
ST/STAT/P/L.24/Corr.1	- " -	E only
ST/STAT/P/L.25	Enumeration in population censuses (20 Aug. 1957).	E F S
C. UNITED NATIONS DRAFT INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS		
ST/STAT/P/L.1 or E/CN.3/211	Population Census Programme - Draft international recommendations (10 May 1955).	E F S R A
ST/STAT/P/L.1/Corr.1	- " -	S only
ST/STAT/P/L.1/Add.1 or E/CN.3/211/Add.1	1960 World Population Census Programme - Draft international recommendations. Part V. Recommendations on tabulation programme (27 January 1956).	E F S R
E/CN.3/211/Add.2	1960 World Population Census Programme - Preliminary list of items proposed by the United Nations and regional groups (17 April 1956).	E F S

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<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Language</u>
ST/STAT/P/L.1/Rev.1 or E/CN.9/135	General principles for a population census (Recommendations for planning and conducting a national census), Second draft (3 August 1956).	E F S R A
ST/STAT/P/L.22	General principles for a housing census (30 August 1956).	E F S R
D. REGIONAL COMMENTS ON UNITED NATIONS DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS		
ST/STAT/P/L.17	Comments on United Nations draft recommendations by Working Group on Censuses of Population of the Conference of European Statisticians (9 January 1956).	E F S R
ST/STAT/P/L.18	Comments on United Nations draft recommendations by Statistical Seminar for Arab States (2 January 1956).	E F S <sup>1/</sup>
ST/STAT/P/L.19	Comments on United Nations draft recommendations by the Census Sub-Committee of the Inter-American Statistical Institute (13 March 1956).	E F S
ST/STAT/P/L.19/Corr.1	- " -	E F S
ST/STAT/P/L.20	Comments on United Nations draft recommendations by the Fourth Regional Conference of Statisticians for Asia and the Far East (17 April 1956).	E F S R
E/CN.9/135/Add.1	1960 World Population Census Programme - Report on the results of regional meetings held during the last quarter of 1956 (19 December 1956).	E F S R

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