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Country report of Egypt

Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Tenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas the country report of Egypt. 1 The report is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Conference (http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/RCC/unrcca10.html). The Conference is invited to take note of the report.

Summary of the report

Census mapping is a pre-census practice that is used to update available maps, including renovating the geographical boundaries of the civil and administrative units in a country and delineating a country into enumeration and supervisory areas.

Census maps are also useful during data collection in order to reduce the duplication of errors or avoid the omission of enumeration areas. They are also used to present census results in graphic form, which enhances effective dissemination of the information.

The report summarizes the operational implementation of a census mapping techniques programme for the preparation of Egypt's 2016 census on population, housing and establishments. It reviews the lessons learned from using the Geographic Information System in undertaking the 2006 census, including the difficulties and problems faced during its implementation and the ways to overcome the problems in implementing the 2016 census. It also highlights the success of using the enumeration and supervisory areas in processing the first pre-testing stage of the pilot project and the pilot project itself for the 2016 census.

In its conclusion, the report provides a list of the challenges associated with, and the future plan for, successful implementation of the 2016 census.

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