

Item 3b: Population and housing censuses

The Commission might wish to take note of and comment on the implementation of the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme.

Switzerland welcomes the report prepared by the United Nations on the census. It gives a good and brief overview of the implementation of the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme.

(i) Consider and approve the draft resolution on the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme;

Switzerland approves the draft resolution and has no comment on it.

(ii) Review and endorse the draft Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Revision 3;

Switzerland endorses the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses. However, the revised version of the UNECE recommendations (for the 2020 census round) is decisive for Switzerland. Switzerland worked actively on the development of that version.

(iii) Comment and provide guidance on the proposed activities of the United Nations Statistics Division for the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme.

Switzerland is in favor of the measures proposed for technical support and training, review of national experience and the world population and housing census programs resource center. Switzerland welcomes in particular the creation of a micro-data repository. Making accessible census micro-data samples is becoming more and more important for a wider use of census results and for scientific use of data