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UNSD Questionnaire on National Gender Statistics Programmes and Activities *

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PART A: BACKGROUND

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PART B: INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT

1. Is there a special unit/desk/focal point responsible for gender statistics in your National Statistical Office (NSO)?

_____ Yes _____X_____ No

If no: How is gender statistics promoted/developed within the NSO? Which section/department/division has the responsibility for gender statistics?

Even though within ISTAT there is neither unit/desk/focal point responsible for gender statistics nor a real policy for the promotion and development of gender statistics, many surveys are conducted on specific gender issues. The most relevant sector in this respect is that of social statistics. In fact, it is gender that conditions the social sphere, which, in turn, is interpreted from the point of view of gender. In the economic field, however, there is less sensibility and capacity to look at phenomena according to gender.

PART C: GENDER STATISTICS ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

User-producer dialogue

2. Has your NSO established a user-producer group for gender statistics?

_____ Yes _____X_____ No

While a special user-producer-unit does not exist, permanent contacts are offered to the institutions that make most use of gender statistics for their activities.

UNECE/UNDP Task Force Meeting on the Gender Statistics Website for Europe and North America, 25-26 September 2002, Geneva, Switzerland

UNECE Work Session on Gender Statistics, 23-25 September 2002, Geneva, Switzerland

UNECE/UNDP Workshop on Gender Statistics for Policy Monitoring and Benchmarking, 9-10 October 2000, Orvieto, Italy

UNECE Work Session on Gender Statistics, 11-13 October 2000, Orvieto, Italy

- b. *Indicate what aspects of the regional or international forums listed above have made the forum particularly beneficial to the development of gender statistics in your country.*

Violence

Collection and compilation of gender statistics

6. *Has your NSO been involved in or conducted a survey, or a component of a survey (survey module), on specific gender issues?*

Yes No

If yes,

- a. *Please attach a list of the surveys or survey modules on specific gender issues that the NSO has conducted or has been involved in. Include the following details for all relevant surveys or survey modules: title, date, type of survey (household, institutional), coverage (national, sub-national), primary institution conducting the survey, role of the NSO, frequency of the survey (one-time survey, every five years).*

Title	Date	Type	Coverage	Primary institution	Frequency
Violence against women Survey	2005-2006	Survey	National	ISTAT	One time survey
Time Use Survey	2002-2003	Survey	National	ISTAT	Every five years survey
Family and Social Subjects Survey	2003	Survey	National	ISTAT	Every five years survey

- b. *Has any of these surveys become a regular part of the work-programme of the NSO?*

Yes

7. *Does your country have a specific initiative to collect/compile gender-sensitive data from administrative sources on such topics as decision-making, crime and violence, access to credit/land, etc?*

Yes No

If yes,

- a. *Please describe a specific initiative, if any, that you consider has been particularly successful.*

Paper for the Council of the European Union on “Indicators on the representation of women and men in economic decision-making centres” put forward by the Italian EU Presidency.

What has made the initiative successful?

The above mentioned document has been adopted as recommendation by the EU Council.

What organizations are/were involved in the initiative?

The Council of the European Union, the Permanent Representatives Committee, ISTAT.

What has been the role of the NSO?

ISTAT proposed the indicators, analyzed the questionnaires collected by the Greek Presidency and wrote the final report.

8. On what specific gender issues have users requested statistics in the past five years? What is been done to address the gaps?

Violence, Time Use, Political participation.

Which of these requests have been met and which have not been met?

All requests have been met.

PART D: INTERNATIONAL REPORTING

9. Please indicate whether your NSO is/has been involved in the preparation of the listed country reports. If involved, please describe the role played by your NSO (provide sex-disaggregated statistics, write report, etc.)

Report	NSO Involvement		If yes, NSO's role
	Yes	No	
Beijing Platform for Action	X		Member of the Italian Delegation to the Beijing Conference 1995
CEDAW	X		Member of the Italian Government Delegation in New York. The ISTAT's staff edited the Statistical Appendix
MDG	X		Participation within the Working Groups

