United Nations Statistics Division QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE ECONOMIC CENSUS

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#	Questions	Response*
1	Do you conduct periodic censuses of economic units? If No, please go to question 8.	No
2	In what year was the first census of economic units conducted in your country?	
3	In what year was the most recent census of economic units conducted in your country?	
4	How often do you conduct censuses of economic units? (e.g., every 5 or 10 years etc.)	
5	In the most recent economic census, units from what kind of economic activity were not covered? <i>Please tick the applicable items:</i>	
	Agriculture	
	Public administration	
	Other (please specify)	
6	Do you apply a threshold (in terms of employment or revenues/turnover) when defining the population of units to be completely enumerated in the economic census? <i>If Yes</i> , <i>please define your threshold</i> .	
7	How do you cover units below that threshold? <i>Please tick the applicable items:</i>	
	Using information from sample surveys (incl. household types surveys)	
	Using information from the most recent population census	
	Using administrative sources of data	
	Other (please specify)	
8	If you conducted the economic censuses in the past, what was the year of the last census?	
9	If you do not conduct an economic census, how is the compilation of the basic information about economic units organized in your country? <i>Please tick the applicable items:</i>	
	Using the systematically updated statistical business register	$\sqrt{}$
	Using results of regular economic surveys programme	$\sqrt{}$
	Using administrative sources of data	$\sqrt{}$
	Other (please specify)	
10	Do you have plans to conduct an economic census in the future?	No

^{*} For some countries the questionnaire is pre-filled. Please check the accuracy of the pre-filled responses. Additional sheets can be used to provide any extended responses as well as any clarifications/comments if necessary.

Please provide the address of your website where we can access materials describing your country practices in economic census: No material of economic census, because we do not apply such procedure. Instead let me refer, in this context, to our good experiences of using administrative data in Business Register maintenance and production of economic statistics. The very important precondition here is the unique and general Business Identity Code, BIC. BIC is widely used in administrative files as well as in commercial co-operation between companies. Business registration is obligatory in Finland and the basic data on businesses are open to everyone at web site (http://www.ytj.fi).

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