Appendix 1

Household income and expenditure statistics*

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Household characterization
Household membership

Resolution paragraph 59
The membership of a household consists of all persons usually resident in the household, where usual residence should be defined in a manner consistent with the provisions in the latest version of the Principles and recommendations for population and housing censuses of the United Nations. A minimum duration of six months may be used as one of the criteria for determining usual residence within the household.

supported by Report II paragraphs

196. Assigning individuals to households can be done in one of three ways. Individuals who were present in the living quarters at the time of data collection (de facto), individuals who are legally recognized as residing at the living quarters (de jure) or individuals who usually reside at the living quarters. The choice is really between the de facto and the usual residence approaches. The de facto approach can misrepresent the economic well-being of a household with a short-term guest whose income is not in any way shared with the rest of the household. The decision can be crucial with respect to assessing the economic wellbeing of one-person households, e.g. students, persons temporarily away from their usual residence for reasons of work.

197. The recommendation in the "Principles and recommendations for the population and housing censuses", which is the same as that of the Canberra Report (Canberra Group, 2001), is to use the usual residence criterion. The difficulty in this is specifying what is meant by usual. What should be the maximum period for an individual to be absent and under what circumstances will that person be considered to be no longer usually resident in the household? Conversely, what should be the minimum period for an individual to reside in a household before being considered as usually resident there? Also, as households may change in composition over the reference period, data collection for some usual members who have left the household could prove problematic.

198. The recommendation to the Meeting of Experts was to collect and record separately information for: (a) those usually resident and present at the time of data collection; (b) those usually resident but temporarily absent at the time of data collection (along with details about the period of absence); and (c) those present in the household at the time of data collection but who usually reside elsewhere (along with details on the period of stay in the household). Then, depending on the context of the

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* References to Resolution and Report II should be understood as:
- final Resolutions of the Seventeenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians (held in Geneva, 24 November-3 December 2003)
- Report II "Household income and expenditure statistics" presented to the above-mentioned Conference

analysis, the unit of analysis could be variously constituted. The criteria for deciding usual residence would depend on national circumstances.

199. The Meeting rejected this proposal as too impractical. It preferred the use of the criterion of usual residence with countries given the option to decide on how best to define “usual”.
The Office was requested to carry out further work to determine how various countries define “usual residence” in the interest of comparability. The results of this study are available in the room document on practices of member States.

200. The EUROSTAT manual on income measurement recommends the use of six months as the criterion for usual residence provided the person does not have “a permanent address elsewhere (that is, another address where potentially they could be enumerated)”. It identifies the groups on the borderline as students, those working away from home, live-in domestic workers, boarders, lodgers, tenants and visitors (EU-SILC, 2002, page 69, section 4.2.1). The use of the residence criterion poses a particular problem for tourism statistics, as information relative to same-day visitors are then not provided (Pérez Mira, 2001, page 3).

Appendix 2

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Definition of usual residence and of head of household/reference person: Country practices

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TABLE I:

Summary Table: Distribution of Cut-offs for usual residence

Maximum Duration (in equivalent months)	No. of countries
12	9
9	1
6	21
3	9
2	4
1.5	3
1	6
0.5	5
0.25	2
0	11
Subtotal	71
No response	15
Total	86

TABLE II:

Maximum continuous duration of absence for exclusion as household member: Individual country cut-offs

Country	Duration
Albania	2 Weeks *(continuously)*
Anguilla	6 Months *(continuously)*
Armenia	30 Days *(continuously)*
Australia	6 Weeks *(continuously)*
Austria	
Azerbaijan	No, all members living away from the dwelling are excluded regardless of duration of absence
Barbados	6 Months *(continuously)*
Belarus	3 Months *(continuously)*
Belgium	15 Days *(continuously)*
Bolivia	3 Months *(continuously)*
Botswana	15 Days *(continuously)*
Brazil	12 Months *(continuously)*
Bulgaria	6 Months *(continuously)*
Burkina Faso	6 Months *(continuously)*
Cambodia	? Months *(continuously)*
Cameroon	6 Months *(continuously)*
Colombia	3 Months *(continuously)*
Costa Rica	6 Months *(continuously)*
Croatia	12 Months *(continuously)*
Cyprus	12 Months *(continuously)*
Czech Republic	2 Months *(continuously)*
Denmark	No, all members living away from the dwelling are excluded regardless of duration of absence
Ecuador	6 Months *(continuously)*
Egypt	6 Months *(continuously)*

Country	Duration
Estonia	12 Months *(continuously)*
Finland	2 Months *(continuously)*
France	
Gambia	No, all members living away from the dwelling are excluded regardless of duration of absence
Germany	No, all members living away from the dwelling are excluded regardless of duration of absence
Gibraltar	No, all members living away from the dwelling are excluded regardless of duration of absence
Hong Kong, China	
Hungary	15 Days *(continuously)*
Iceland	12 Months *(continuously)*
India	6 Months *(continuously)*
Indonesia	6 Months *(continuously)*
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	12 Months *(continuously)*
Ireland	6 Months *(continuously)*
Isle of Man	
Japan	3 Months *(continuously)*
Jordan	45 Days *(continuously)*
Kazakhstan	2 Months *(continuously)*
Kosovo (Serbia and Montenegro)	
Latvia	1 Month *(continuously)*
Lithuania	1 Month *(continuously)*
Luxembourg	
Macau, China	3 Months *(continuously)*
Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Rep. of	6 Weeks *(continuously)*
Madagascar	3 Months *(continuously)*
Maldives	7 Days *(continuously)*
Mauritius	

Country	Duration
Mexico	3 Months *(continuously)*
Moldova, Rep. of	4 Weeks *(continuously)*
Myanmar	3 Months *(continuously)*
Netherlands	
Niue	12 Months *(continuously)*
Northern Mariana Islands	1 Month *(continuously)*
Norway	6 Months *(continuously)*
Pakistan	9 Months *(continuously)*
Panama	6 Months *(continuously)*
Paraguay	No, all members living away from the dwelling are excluded regardless of duration of absence
Philippines	30 Days *(continuously)*
Poland	
Portugal	No, all members living away from the dwelling are excluded regardless of duration of absence
Puerto Rico	
Romania	12 Months *(continuously)*
Russian Federation	
Rwanda	6 Months *(continuously)*
Saint Helena	No, all members living away from the dwelling are excluded regardless of duration of absence
Saint Lucia	3 Months *(continuously)*
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	No, all members living away from the dwelling are excluded regardless of duration of absence
Saudi Arabia	
Senegal	6 Months *(continuously)*
Serbia and Montenegro	6 Months *(continuously)*
Singapore	6 Months *(continuously)*
Slovakia	2 Months *(continuously)*

Country	Duration
Spain	12 Months *(continuously)*
Sweden	
Switzerland	5 Days *(continuously)*
Trinidad and Tobago	2 Weeks *(continuously)*
Turkey	6 Months *(continuously)*
Turkmenistan	No, all members living away from the dwelling are excluded regardless of duration of absence
Uganda	6 Months *(continuously)*
United Kingdom	
United States	No, all members living away from the dwelling are excluded regardless of duration of absence
West bank and Gaza strip	6 Months *(continuously)*
Zambia	6 Months *(continuously)*

TABLE III:

Characteristics for defining head of household/reference person: Individual country practices

Country	Quest.	Acknow-ledged as such by other household/ unit members	Recognized owner, or responsible for tenancy of dwelling	Responsible for financial maintenance of household/ unit	Main income earner	Responsible for decisions on main expenditures	Oldest person	Other
Albania	A	Reference person		Reference person		Reference person	Reference person	
Anguilla	A				Reference person			
Armenia	A	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household			
Australia	A				Reference person			
Australia	B		Reference person		Reference person			
Austria	A	Head of household	Reference person					
Azerbaijan	A	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	
Barbados	A	Head of household						
Belarus	A	Head of household						
Belgium	A		Reference person		Reference person			
Bolivia	A	Head of household			Head of household	Reference person		
Botswana	A	Head of household						
Brazil	A	Reference person	Reference person	Reference person	Reference person		Reference person	Reference person
Bulgaria	A	Head of household	Reference person					
Burkina Faso	A	Head of household						
Cambodia	A	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	
Cameroon	A	Head of household		Head of household		Head of household		

Country	Quest.	Acknow-ledged as such by other household/ unit members	Recognized owner, or responsible for tenancy of dwelling	Responsible for financial maintenance of household/ unit	Main income earner	Responsible for decisions on main expenditures	Oldest person	Other
Colombia	A				Head of household			
Costa Rica	A	Head of household						
Croatia	A	Head of household			Reference person			
Cyprus	A	Reference person						
Czech Republic	A							
Czech Republic	B							
Denmark	A				Head of household			
Denmark	B				Head of household			
Ecuador	A	Head of household						Head of household
Egypt	A	Head of household						
Estonia	A				Head of household			
Finland	A				Head of household			
Finland	B				Reference person			
France	A		Head of household					
France	B							
Gambia	A	Head of household		Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	
Germany	A				Reference person			
Gibraltar	A		Head of household					

Country	Quest.	Acknow-ledged as such by other household/ unit members	Recognized owner, or responsible for tenancy of dwelling	Responsible for financial maintenance of household/ unit	Main income earner	Responsible for decisions on main expenditures	Oldest person	Other
Hong Kong, China	A	Head of household						
Hong Kong, China	B	Head of household						
Hungary	A							
Iceland	A				Head of household			
India	A	Head of household						
Indonesia	A	Head of household	Reference person	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household		
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	A				Head of household	Head of household		
Ireland	A	Head of household	Head of household		Head of household		Head of household	Head of household
Isle of Man	A							
Japan	A				Head of household			
Japan	B				Head of household			
Jordan	A	Head of household		Head of household		Head of household		
Kazakhstan	A							Head of household
Kosovo (Serbia and Montenegro)	A	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household
Latvia	A	Head of household			Reference person			
Lithuania	A				Head of household			Head of household
Luxembourg	A			Reference person				

Country	Quest.	Acknow-ledged as such by other household/ unit members	Recognized owner, or responsible for tenancy of dwelling	Responsible for financial maintenance of household/ unit	Main income earner	Responsible for decisions on main expenditures	Oldest person	Other
Macau, China	A	Head of household						
Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Rep. of	A	Head of household				Reference person		
Madagascar	A	Head of household		Head of household		Head of household		
Maldives	A	Head of household						
Mauritius	A	Head of household						
Mexico	A	Head of household						
Moldova, Rep. of	A	Head of household		Head of household	Head of household		Head of household	
Myanmar	A	Head of household						
Netherlands	A				Head of household			
Netherlands	B	Reference person			Reference person			
Niue	A	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	
Northern Mariana Islands	A	Reference person	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household		
Norway	A				Head of household			
Norway	B				Head of household			
Pakistan	A	Head of household						
Panama	A	Head of household		Head of household		Head of household		
Paraguay	A				Head of household			

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Paraguay	B	Head of household						
Philippines	A	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	
Poland	A				Head of household			
Portugal	A	Reference person						
Puerto Rico	A	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	
Romania	A	Head of household						
Russian Federation	A	Reference person		Head of household		Head of household		
Rwanda	A	Head of household	Head of household					
Saint Helena	A	Head of household	Head of household					
Saint Lucia	A	Head of household		Head of household	Reference person	Head of household	Reference person	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	A	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household			
Saudi Arabia	A	Head of household						
Senegal	A	Head of household		Head of household				
Serbia and Montenegro	A	Head of household						
Singapore	A	Head of household						
Slovakia	A	Head of household						
Spain	A			Head of household				Head of household

Country	Quest.	Acknow-ledged as such by other household/ unit members	Recognized owner, or responsible for tenancy of dwelling	Responsible for financial maintenance of household/ unit	Main income earner	Responsible for decisions on main expenditures	Oldest person	Other
Spain	B	Head of household						Head of household
Sweden	A				Head of household			
Sweden	B				Head of household			
Switzerland	A				Reference person			
Trinidad and Tobago	A	Head of household						
Turkey	A	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Reference person	Head of household		
Turkmenistan	A	Head of household						
Uganda	A	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household				
United Kingdom	A				Reference person			
United States	A	Reference person	Reference person					
West bank and Gaza strip	A	Head of household		Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	Head of household	
Zambia	A	Head of household				Head of household		