

According to UN General Assembly Resolution 64/267, 20 October 2010
will be celebrated as World Statistics Day under the general theme
“Celebrating the many achievements of official statistics”

The UN General Assembly invited all Member States, UN agencies, international and regional organisations and civil society to take measures/action so as to mark this moment.

The celebration of this event for the first time at a global level highlights the importance of official statistics in modern society, of its effort to produce reliable and comparable data that are required in order to develop state policies, that help economic operators make decisions and that generally contribute to the expressing of substantiated views on the progress of countries by all citizens of the world.

It is not by chance that the UN decision comes in a year the broadest international organisation placed under the motto of the 2010 round of the Population Censuses: “Every one counts – Accurate and complete data are essential in the quest for improving people’s lives”.

As a country that plays an active part within this world organisation, a part which is unanimously appreciated, Romania can say with legitimate pride that, anticipating the UN decision, it set up Statistician’s Day as early as 2002 by Government Decision, as an acknowledgement of the contribution of Romanian official statistics to the development of our society over more than a century and a half.

National statistics, which is fully connected to the concerns of the present, is currently preparing the Population and Housing Census that is scheduled to take place in 2011 – a vast statistical survey which will answer all major questions on Romania’s population.

An important contribution to the success of this census, which will lead to clearly defining the place we as a population have in the EU and in the world, can be made by the Romanian Parliament through a message of support that its members, senators and deputies, can send to the citizens of the constituencies represented by them.