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Romanian Statistics - priorities to date

Fully integrated in the European Statistical System due to the working methodologies, the quality of data and last but not least by synchronizing with the main statistical activities carried out at community and international level, the Romanian official statistics has the following priorities this autumn:

- Complete the preparations for the General Agricultural Census, to take place during December 2010 - January 2011;
- Intensify the training activities for the Population and Housing Census, the 2011 phase that will take place in October, next year.

On account of their results, the two censuses are very important for the evaluation of the economic (agricultural) and human potential of Romania, giving solid bases for the elaboration of policies and development programmes of the country, on a long term, towards the harmonization of the levels of the economic and social development with the European ones, from the perspective of the Europe Strategy – 2010 – included, a strategy for the intelligent growth, ecological and favourable to the inclusion.

The success of these two statistical surveys, of a special scope, carried out together with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Ministry of Administration and Interior and with other national institutions depends considerably on the cooperation of all the population as to the review activities by maximizing the number of answers to the demands of the questionnaire.

For the adequate promotion of the censuses, the National Institute of Statistics collaborates with the representative institutions of the Romanian society and of the international organisations present in Romania. In this respect, it is remarkable the political

declaration stated yesterday in the Senate by Senator Tudor Udriștoiu, President of the sub commission for the Population and Development, who, by recalling the first celebration of the **World Statistics Day**, underlines the necessity that the members of the Romanian Parliament support the efforts of the National Institute of Statistics so that the Population and Household Census of 2011 take place in time and in the best conditions.

In the same direction is oriented the cooperation between the National Institute of Statistics and the representation in Romania of the United Nations Fund for the Population, recorded by the manifest (see the annex) issued together on the occasion of the **World Statistics Day** but also by a multitude of practical actions taken in the organisation of the Population and Housing Census 2011. At the same time, it is worth mentioning the support offered by the Romanian Orthodox Church, through Patriarch Daniel, to the Romanian official statistics in its action of making the population aware of the importance and objectives of the Population and Housing Census 2011.

Last but not least, the Romanian mass-media is also invited to contribute to the success of the two censuses, being considered a steadfast ally of the official statistics in its efforts to make statistical information reach quickly and undistorted the whole population of the country.