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1. GENERAL

(a) Give a brief description of the housing situation in your country.

(b) What future developments, legislation, changes or modifications in organization or methods are planned that may affect:

(i) The collection and use of statistics for housing programmes;

(ii) The formulation and implementation of housing programmes?

2. GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY IN CONNEXION WITH HOUSING

(a) Have the aims of government housing policy in your country been stated in legislation, directives, etc., or are they implied in the national programmes undertaken by the Government? If so give the references of the published sources.

(b) Has a national housing programme been formulated? If so give the following information:

(i) What kind of government and private activities are contemplated in the programme (dwelling construction, investment, financing, etc.)?

(ii) Does the programme refer to the whole country or is it concerned with improving housing conditions in a selected area only?

(iii) Period of time used as reference for the programme.

(iv) Indicate the programme targets for construction of new dwellings by the public and private sectors in the period covered.

3. ORGANIZATION FOR HOUSING PROGRAMMES

Describe the organizational structure within which housing programmes are formulated, implemented and administered at the national, regional and local level.

/4. STATISTICAL

4. STATISTICAL ORGANIZATION

(a) Indicate what departments of the national statistical organization have the responsibility for producing the following statistics, and briefly describe their organizational structure:

Housing censuses

Sample housing surveys

Current housing statistics (new dwellings constructed; conversions or major repairs which result in additional dwellings becoming available; dwellings lost from the inventory because of demolitions, disaster, etc. If information is not available concerning dwelling construction but information concerning total construction is collected, describe the organization employed for the collection of statistics concerning total construction)

Population estimates and projections

National income estimates

Price indexes of building materials and dwellings.

(b) How are the activities of the departments responsible for the above-mentioned statistics co-ordinated with the agencies which have major responsibility for the formulation and implementation of housing programmes at the national level?

5. STATISTICAL DATA REQUIRED FOR HOUSING PROGRAMMES

(a) Give a brief description of the basic statistical data, estimates, and projections which have been used in your country in connexion with the formulation and implementation of housing programmes.

(b) Do you consider that the statistics at present available for the formulation and implementation of housing programmes are adequate?

(c) If you do not consider that the statistics are adequate:

(i) Indicate additional items of information that you consider necessary.

(ii) Is the information sufficiently up to date?

(iii) What suggestions have you for improving the statistical data available?

6. STATISTICAL ACTIVITY

(a) Give the date and coverage of housing censuses taken in your country. In addition, for the latest census, give the date on which preliminary results and complete census data respectively were published. If the census reports have not yet been published, give the estimated date of the publication of preliminary results and of complete data.

(b) Give the date on which it is planned to take the next housing census.

(c) Give the date, coverage and purpose of any housing surveys taken. State by whom conducted and give a reference to the report.

(d) Describe the information that is collected concerning new dwellings constructed, conversions or major repairs which result in additional dwellings becoming available, and losses from the inventory because of demolition, dwellings falling out of use or disaster. Indicate the frequency with which data are published.

(e) Describe the methods used to estimate the existing housing deficit in your country and indicate what this deficit is according to the most recent estimates.

(f) Describe the methods used to estimate the number of new dwellings required annually to provide for the population increase and replacement needs and indicate what these annual requirements are.

Note concerning preparation

One report may be prepared for each country irrespective of the number of persons participating in the Seminar or a separate report by each participant if so desired. Reports should be submitted on letter-size paper (original plus one copy), double spaced, and should not exceed thirty pages. Supporting reference documents would be welcome, but the reports should be self-contained so that they can be used without reference to other materials. Reports should be sent not later than 30 June to:

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