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Subject: Peer Assessment of the Population Census in Montenegro

Dear Ms Radojevic,

Please find attached the fourth peer assessment report from the mission to Podgorica taking place from 13 to 15 June 2011. The fourth report has been reviewed by the Steering Committee (consisting of Minister Katnic, Director Mirel and myself).

Overall, the peer assessors conclude that the Population and Housing Census in Montenegro was carried out in accordance with the international standards and in particular the Conference of European Statisticians' Recommendations published by UNECE/Eurostat.

The fourth assessment report focuses on the post-enumeration phase of the census, in particular the data processing and the dissemination of results. With regards to the data processing, the assessors carried out a random control of 100 dwellings and 337 individuals. The assessors found no difference between the census questionnaire and the database, indicating a high level of quality of the data capture. MONSTAT is advised to improve the data editing procedure and to develop a dissemination plan with a corresponding timetable in the next few weeks.

The peer assessors will now start to prepare the final report of the peer assessment. If necessary an additional peer assessment mission can be arranged in September. We expect to have the final report ready in November so it can be presented in a closing conference in Podgorica by early December 2011. We will of course keep you informed, and will update you on the status of the final report in September.

Yours sincerely,


Pieter Everaers

Encl.: Fourth report of the Peer Assessment of the Population Census in Montenegro

Final Third report of the Peer Assessment of the Population Census in Montenegro